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General studies teachers to seek union certification in bid to get fair contract

By TOBA KORENBLUM
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TORONTO —

The Association of General Studies Teachers in Hebrew Day Schools has moved to cut off collective negotiations with the Board of Jewish Education, which, they argue, has persisted in stalling its decision on contract issues.

At a meeting held last week, the association's executive agreed that each of the five day schools it represents will instead try to reach a separate settlement with their individual school boards.

Donni Friedman, chairman of the association, chastized the BJE for its display of "bad faith" in delaying negotiations for over 18 months. Her association will now move quickly, she revealed, to seek union certification for four schools — a move which gives them the legal right of government conciliation or strike action to back up their demands. (Last summer, the general studies teachers at the United Synagogue Day School, after a protest demonstration against the BJE, were granted union status by the Ontario Labor Relations Board.)

At issue is the financial agreement with the USDS teachers and the "Code of Practice" at all schools which discusses, among other things, hours, fringe benefits and grievance procedures.

"Since negotiations have been grossly mismanaged by the BJE, which is supposed to expedite rather than slow down the process, we intend to go directly to our employers," said Mrs. Friedman in a telephone interview.

Since the association had not formally notified the BJE and their five schools before this issue went to press, **The CJN** was not free to contact any spokesmen for their comments.

The most recent antagonistic gesture to spur the association's break with the BJE, she said, centres on the board's latest stall tactic. Accusing the board and Rabbi Irwin Witty, its executive director, of "deviousness and incompetence" in "deliberately delaying" its counter-proposals to the "Code of Practice," the association finally this month threatened provincial conciliation unless the BJE made its presentation.

In a meeting of association members and the BJE on Oct. 9 — a direct result of the threat, according to Mrs. Friedman — Rabbi Witty did not come with the board's propositions, as expected, but instead presented the group with a schedule of dates for negotiation. Rabbi Witty also promised to have the counter-proposals prepared by 4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23.

A day before that scheduled meeting, said Mrs. Friedman, the association was contacted by a lawyer engaged that week by the board, who claimed the counter-proposals could not be prepared until he had time to review the case.

In light of this latest delay, the association's executive meeting that Thursday, originally scheduled to review the board's promised presentation, made the decision to break with the BJE and to strive to negotiate indiviually with their own school boards.

"The last 18 months have put a severe strain on the teachers and their schools, even before negotiations opened," said an angered Mrs. Friedman, "and it's a darn pity."

Hoping that the agreements reached between the individual schools could be standardized, Mrs. Friedman was of the opinion that these negotiations would reach a satisfactory conclusion. Collective negotiation with the BJE, she said, could have resulted in a settlement that would reflect the "lowest common denominator," as the hardliner schools pressured the more moderate, agreeable ones.

She is optimistic that the USDS general studies teachers will reach a "give-and-take" settlement on the issue of wages as well as the code, and will not have to resort to asserting their union clout. Despite the severe strain between the teachers and the USDS board, their relationship is still a friendly one, she added.

Yet the teachers there are still concerned about the wage settlement, because resources are limited. They are looking for a cost-of-living allowance comparable to the Metro Toronto School Board figure, which last year agreed to a lump sum of $400. This

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Extends mandate in Sinai

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. —

The Security Council, by a vote of 13-0, has extended the mandate of the peace-keeping force in the Sinai buffer zone.

The term of the 3,987-man force was last prolonged for three months last July. The UN force consists of troops from Canada, Finland, Ghana, Indonesia, Poland, Senegal and Sweden.

Although China and Iraq did not participate in the vote, the Soviet Union agreed to extend the mandate. Yakov A. Malik, the Soviet representative, expressed some reservations following the vote. He said his government favored resumption of the Geneva peace conference with the participation of all parties — including the PLO.

European diplomats said that regardless of their declarations and gestures, Moscow and Peking both had enabled the UN force to play a part in carrying out the Egyptian-Israeli agreement. This, they said, represented a clear diplomatic victory for the U.S.

Prior to addressing the Canada–Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Toronto last week, President Haim Ben-Shahar (left) of Tel Aviv University, chats with Ray D. Wolfe (centre), Chamber president, and Albert J. Latner, president of the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University. Ben-Shahar headed recent Israel tax reform committee. (Groskind)

Resolution protested in Canada

Four mass rallies protesting the United Nations draft resolution equating Zionism with racism took place this week in Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Vancouver.

Thousands participated in the rallies organized by the Canadian Zionist Federation.

The audience adopted unanimously a resolution condemning the UN and also expressing the Jewish community's gratitude to the Canadian government for its opposition to the UN committee resolution.

The meeting in Toronto took place Tuesday night at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Glencairn Avenue, where the president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Phil Givens, delivered a speech, along with MPs John Fraser (Con. Vancouver South) and John Roberts (Lib. Trinity-St. Pauls).

Mr. Trudeau, take note!

Controls can be very dangerous, warns leading Israeli economist

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

TORONTO —

One of Israel's leading economists told a group of Canadian businessmen last week that wage and price controls are "very dangerous and can distort the whole economy."

President Haim Ben-Shahar, of Tel Aviv University, said that "when you get into the process of cost inflation, eventually you have to choose greater unemployment, live with it or try another way to solve it."

Addressing the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the chairman of the recent Israel Tax Reform Committee said that maybe in the short term, controls can be helpful by changing the mood of the country. However, if productivity increases at the same time, "then it (controls) hurts a lot."

At the end of his well-received half-hour address, the 40-year-old Israeli, on a four-week North American tour, said cost inflation is a disease society is living with, and up to now, no solution has been found to cure it.

Ben-Shahar discussed Israel's two experiences with controls. He said the government's attempt from 1949 to 1951 to control prices and indirectly control wages, was "a total failure." Prices didn't go up, he explained, but the black market was greater than the actual market.

"People had lots of money they didn't know what to do with. They could not use it, so they abused it."

This great failure of controls led to a 200% price increase over the next two years, he continued. Only after, from 1954 to 1967 and immediately after the Six Day War, were there periods of great growth.

However, the rate of inflation shot up during the War of Attrition and the government initiated selective controls. And this, too, failed, said the dynamic economist. Prices continued to increase and businesses not selected for controls, flourished.

He said Israel would rather have cost inflation than unemployment. Ten per cent unemployment would lead to a breakdown in the country, with a fall in morale, and result in many people emigrating, he explained.

Ben-Shahar took up his university post after completing his tax reform report whose recommendations the government is implementing.

"The most important aspect of the reform is to stop cheating ourselves because this is the beginning of a very serious disease of all society," he asserted. "Our reforms did not reduce the total tax bill, but changed the structure by increasing rates, reducing the tax base and creating an honest system."

Over the years, Israel has suffered from a great deal of tax evasion and tax erosion (semi-official arrangements to circumvent income tax by wage earners), he explained.

Regarding inflation, (a rate of 50% in 1974 and 22% this year), Ben-Shahar's committee proposed an automatic adjustment in tax rates to reflect the rate of increase of the Consumers Price Index. Until recently, businessmen in Israel have been paying a capital loss tax instead of capital gains tax. But now the system has been indexed to the rate of inflation.

Earlier, Yosef Yaacov, acting Israel ambassador to Canada, told the luncheon, chaired by Chamber president Ray D. Wolfe, that the situation in the Mideast and at the UN "is a little rosier, a little less grim."

"A new atmosphere is being created gradually, but solidly and is beginning to prevail at the UN," he pointed out. Citing the Arab-inspired resolution equating Zionism with racism, he said it failed to gain half othe the number of votes in the UN. This never happened to Arab countries in recent years, he said.

"Countries automatically casting votes against Israel on any issue are beginning to glimpse some aspects of realty."

Following the CICC luncheon, Ben-Shahar spoke to **The Canadian Jewish News** about his 17,000-student university. Elected for a four-year term, he aims to increase the schools financial base, student capacity and standards. His university has the greatest demand for entrance because of its location in the centre of Israel's most populated area. Only 4,500 of 10,000 applicants could be admitted to the first year of the institution.

Among the ambitions of Ben-Shahar, a former dean of social sciences and economics professor at the university, is to change the institution from an Israeli university to a Jewish university with respect to students and faculty. He wants to bring over more students from North America to take part in the four-year arts and science programs and get North American professors on the basis of part-time association.

For these projects, the university is seeking money from the Jewish communities in North America. He continued: "Tel Aviv University is asking for reciprocity. We'd like to offer our services to meet the social and spiritual needs of Jewish communities... Under specific agreement, we'd like to arrange with local communities to reciprocate their needs."

Asked whether he could see all Israeli universities coming together in a united way to seek money from the Diaspora (for example, in Toronto there are seven Israeli universities with director-fund raisers), he replied: "I'm all for banding together. I'm ready to do every action in promoting this."

Task force recommends improvement in salaries

By PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO –

According to the task force on teacher recruitment, training and welfare of the Study Committee on Jewish Education, teachers in Jewish day and supplementary schools deserve a better deal.

If the task force's recommendations, released this week, are adopted, the teachers will get it. But there is one major obstacle to implementation. Nearly all the recommendations are expensive.

At their core is the concept of equalization with the public schools in all areas: salaries, benefits, certification requirements and teacher training facilities. As the report states: "Jewish schools must provide conditions for teachers on a par with those available in the public schools. It is the responsibility and obligation of the Jewish community to make it possible for a young Jew to enter the field of Jewish teaching as a reasonable alternative to other professions, and certainly as a real alternative to teaching in the public school system."

What this means in practical terms is spelled out in the report, which includes among 12 pages of recommendations the following:

– a uniform, published salary scale for Hebrew and general studies teachers, equal to the public schools' in dollars (although hours may be longer), with a single review committee to assess qualifications;

– inclusion of kindergarten teachers on salary scales;

– upgrading of present teacher training facilities through combined university/Midrasha programs, broader opportunities for part-time study, better in-service training and foreign teacher orientation programs and an extensive program of financial aid for upgrading which would include sabbaticals;

– intensive efforts to provide full-time teaching loads through co-ordination between separate institutions, recognition of a "permanent part-time" classification which would include the right to pension and other fringe benefits, and/or a combination of extra-curricular and teaching responsibilities;

– eventual uniform certification standards for all teachers, whether in day or congregational schools.

The task force on teachers is the last of the study committee's six divisions to publish a report. Its supplementary reports, which appeared last spring, led directly to steps currently underway to develop a teacher training program at York University.

Suggestions on the setting of priorities among the various recommendations of all the task forces will be released shortly, and the entire body of the study committee's work will be presented to the United Jewish Welfare Fund and the executive of Congress on Nov. 30.

Saul Cowan, who is not only chairman of the task force on teachers but is also a North York public school trustee, is concerned about the feasibility of equalizing pay scales in the light of inflation and the large increases in public school salary scales. "I can't expect that the Jewish community in a voluntary way will be able to amass the resources to keep up," he told **The Canadian Jewish News.**

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Bonds has new $50 certificate

TORONTO —

In response to many requests over a period of years, a new Israel Bond gift certificate program has now been established according to an announcement made by Herb Green, general campaign chairman for Toronto State of Israel Bonds.

"Each certificate is valued at $50. (U.S. funds) and may be used by the recipient as partial payment for Israel Bonds," Green explained. "We are very pleased to have been able to arrange this method by which friends and relatives can now perform a double mitzvah with one gift — to create for the recipient a close link with the State of Israel, and at the time to help provide vital economic loan funds for Israel. Bond gift certificates are an ideal bar or bat mitzvah gift, wedding gift, and a most meaningful way to welcome a new addition to the family. Also, each unit may be purchased jointly by more than one donor."

At present, Bond gift certificates are available through the following synagogues: B'nai Torah, Beth Tikvah, Temple Emanu-El, B'nai Israel Beth David, and the Bialik Hebrew Day School.

Beth Tzedec won't give rabbi title of emeritus

TORONTO —

Governors of Beth Tzedec Congregation, by a vote of better than three to one, have rejected Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg's demand for the title of rabbi emeritus as part of an overall out-of-court settlement of his lawsuits.

This action was based on the majority view that to confer the title of rabbi emeritus on Rabbi Rosenberg would create an impossible situation for the current occupant of the pulpit, Rabbi J.B. Friedberg. It would also lead to other problems, according to one informed source.

The vote of the governors dims the hope for an out-of-court settlement of the long and bitter controversy. There have been numerous attempts at conciliation, none successful, but few believed the complex issues would ever be related in a court of law.

At least four lawsuits are pending, and the first is slated for hearing on Monday, Nov. 17. Ontario Chief Justice Willard Estey has not yet rendered a decision with respect to a Beth Tzedec request that the cases be heard in the order that writs were issued. As **The Canadian Jewish News** went to press Tuesday night, it was learned that counsel for the congregation will appear before the Chief Justice on Monday, Nov. 3, seeking a postponement of the Nov. 17 date.

The first case set for trial is a libel action and the defendants — Dr. Fred Weinberg, Albert Gellman, Greta Greisman, Max Milstone and Marvin Miller — are covered by an insurance policy which protects them from any monetary damages a court may award. Lawyers for an insurance company will appear on behalf of the defendants.

According to a congregational source, the damages sought by Rabbi Rosenberg are not a stumbling block to an out-of-court settlement, nor are his other demands, including life membership for himself and his family and burial rights for his wife and himself.

The title of emeritus, which under ordinary circumstances would be readily granted a rabbi who parts company with a synagogue in an atmosphere of goodwill, assumes a totally different aspect in the Beth Tzedec case, the source said.

Cash collection depots set up by Israel Bonds

TORONTO —

An emergency program has been put into effect with the co-operation of Toronto synagogues, rabbis and congregation leaders; to enable the Toronto State of Israel Bond Campaign to maintain a steady flow of desperately-needed cash loan funds to Israel at this crucial time for Israel's economy.

"To overcome the terrible handicap of the mail strike, we are able to provide the community with cash collection offices throughout Metro where they may bring their cash payments for bonds purchased at the High Holy Day Appeals or elsewhere and thereby prevent further hardship on Israel's economy," declared Herb Green, general campaign chairman for the Toronto Israel Bond drive. "We are greatly appreciative of the ready and whole-hearted co-operation of all congregations which have provided volunteers and facilities for this urgent cash collection effort on Israel's behalf."

According to Ben A. Himel and Harry Frank, cash collection co-chairman for the Bond

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NY council accused by Rabbi Witty of 'pussyfooting' on 2-acre bylaw

By ELLIE TESHER

TORONTO —

North York Council was accused of "pussyfooting" and "footdragging" last week when it adopted a resolution which has the effect of a further delay in dealing with the contentious two-acre school bylaw.

An angry Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education, levelled this accusation at the council at the end of a five and a half hour special public hearing on the issue which has aroused strong feelings in the Jewish community.

Speakers for and against the bylaw agreed that vehicular traffic was the main nub of any problems created by schools in residential areas, rather than lot size.

Alderman Esther Shiner's motion to delete the two-acre minimum requirement from the bylaw was defeated 10 votes to six. Then in the early hours of the morning, Ald. Robert Yuill put forward a motion to have the two-acre clause removed in six weeks' time after the Planning Board submits a report. It carried by the same margin.

Exclaimed Rabbi Witty, after the Yuill motion was adopted: "It's the bitterest disappointment. Nothing is going to change in six weeks."

Alderman Jim Norton responded to the Yuill motion to not delete the two-acre stipulation until the six-week hence-report from the Planning Board as, "Not a reasonable compromise after five years." He told **The Canadian Jewish News,** "there's not much doubt the Planning Board will take longer than that. What is likely to come out can be difficult as well."

Rabbi Irwin E. Witty

Approximately 450 ratepayers and private school supporters including young students had filled the auditorium, many of them standing outside or sitting on the floor, while others carried signs saying "We oppose the bylaw" and an angry "But I thought Canada was a democracy."

Alderman Norton struck a responsive chord in the tired but concerned opponents to the restrictions of the bylaw when he told them "everyone supports your position but you have a sneaky feeling you'll be back where you started." He denounced any further delay after five years since the bylaw's conception, including two years of committee meetings, as a "fraud" on the interested public.

Bylaw 24551 is an amendment to North York's zoning bylaw that resulted from Alderman Robert Roche's interest in preventing private schools from intruding into residential neighborhoods without controls to protect the rights of ratepayers.

Though passed by council at the time, the bylaw was stopped at the Ontario Municipal Board for representation from private school interest who found the two acre minimum site size as punitive and prohibitive in the light of spiralling land and education costs.

Murray Chusid, former alderman and a Beth Jacob parent, attacked the bylaw as "a death blow in North York to the private school system." Answering the suggestion from some council members that a two-acre requirement could be eased with a minor variance through the Committee of Adjustment, he said they were "leading a fool by a string."

Speakers for the bylaw included a representative of the Ancona Park Residents Association who brought graphic slides depicting snarled traffic outside the Associated Hebrew School on Finch Ave. He admitted to council that what is needed most is parking and drop-off facilities.

Other speakers called for more pertinent controls than a two-acre minimum, such as traffic regulations, appropriate no stopping—no standing street signs in the immediate area and lot size related to student density, with different rules for schools that draw from across the city and those that attract neighborhood students.

Despite agreement on needed protection for residential neighbors, Morley Wolfe, speaking for the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith, suggested that through the bylaw council was "favoring one child" by placing the needs of neighbors out of proportion to those of schools. He called on council to treat both fairly.

Alderman Roche, the Mildenhall homeowners' hero and seeming villain to the private schools in his unrelenting stance on the bylaw through all committee investigations, seemed to take a second breath on the matter as he disregarded his prepared speech and declared himself open to compromise.

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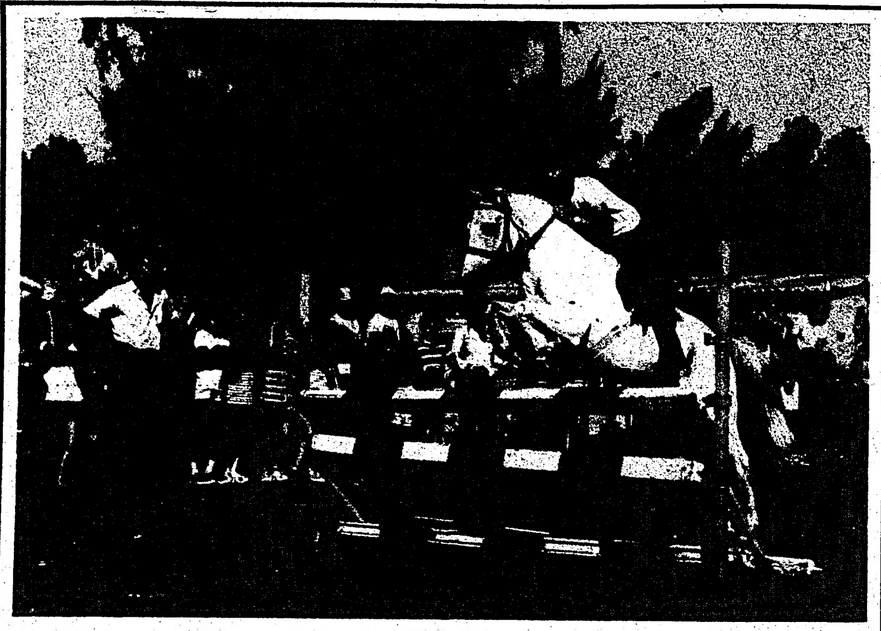

Horse breeding in small villages and kibbutzim is on the increase in Israel. They are planning to export them in the near future. Here, a one-year-old colt is displayed at a show on Kibbutz Kfar Blum.

Red Magen David Society seeks admission to international league of relief organizations

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON [JTA] — Ambassador Shabtai Rosenne, the Israeli diplomat who is a special advisor to the executive committee of the Red Magen David Society in Israel, will visit the United States for three weeks next month in connection with the society's efforts to obtain admission into the League of Red Cross Societies.

Rosenne, who has served Israel for 15 years at the United Nations, is due in New York about Nov. 10 and will visit a number of other cities including Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Houston, New Orleans, Miami and Washington. Assisting in the efforts, which have become known as "Operation Recognition," is Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin of New York.

The history of the Red Magen David Society's efforts to become a league member began in the spring of 1949, at the first diplomatic conference outside of the United Nations at which Israel was represented. The society sought to have the Red Magen David recognized as a distinctive emblem alongside the Red Cross, the Red Crescent and the Red Lion and Sun, the symbol of Iran.

Israel's effort was rejected in Geneva that year by a majority of one vote and the Red Magen David was not included in the list of recognized emblems. Nevertheless, later that year, Israel signed the conventions subject to the reservation that it would use the Red Magen David in Israel as its emblem while fully respecting all other emblems. No objections is on record to these reservations.

In 1950, the Knesset passed the Red Magen David law and incorporated this reservation in Israeli legislation. The Magen David Society, which is Israel's national relief organization, is in the unsatisfactory position of not being able to gain admittance into the League of Red Cross Societies because a current condition for admission is that the member of a national society use one of the recognized emblems and titles. The result is a vicious circle of discussions that have gone on for a quarter of a century on inter-governmental and societal levels.

Last year, in Geneva, Israel put forward a formal proposal requesting membership at the diplomatic conference on Reaffirmation of Humanitarian Law. The three-year conference will terminate next year.

A sidelight on the situation is that a training pamphlet used by the U.S. Army depicts the Magen David alongside other emblems that American troops are instructed to respect. The American army is the only national military force outside of Israel to designate the Red Magen David in that manner.

Jews let down Israel: Herzog

NEW YORK — Israel Ambassador to the UN Chaim Herzog has complained that Jews let his delegation down during a bitter committee debate on Zionism recently.

"Where were the Jewish people,?" Herzog asked the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations at a meeting last weekend.

Chaim Herzog

The Israeli was referring to the Arab-promoted draft resolution that would denounce Zionism as "a form of racism and racial discrimination." The text was approved by the General Assembly's Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee by a vote of 70 to 29 with 27 abstentions and 16 absent. While expressing disappointment with the Jewish community in New York and elsewhere, he lauded the U.S. government "who took the lead on this issue."

Meanwhile, a movement to block the General Assembly approval of the resolution was developing in informal talks between delegates at the UN. A motion to adjourn a debate and a vote on the issue until next year, or an amendment voiding the draft of its most controversial portions, were among the possible strategies discussed. No date has been yet set for consideration by the full General Assembly of the resolution.

The permanent representative of Barbados, Waldo E. Waldron-Ramsey, said he planned to introduce an amendment in the Assembly calling for deletion of the operative paragraph of the anti-Zionism text. He is vice-president of the Assembly.

U.S. Ambassador to the UN Daniel Moynihan told a TV interviewer that the resolution will probably pass the Assembly and this could prompt his country to "put some buffer between the UN and us."

He declared any U.S. move to dissociate with the world body might be necessary to counteract giving the appearance of international legality to anti-Semitism.

In Washington, a formal motion has been introduced to urge the UN to reject the resolution. "It is time to speak out and call a halt to this vicious brand of name-calling which brings back echoes of the propaganda of Goebbels and his Nazi party colleagues in the 1930s," said New York Senator Jacob Javits, one of the 10 co-sponsors of the resolution in the Senate.

Administration officials indicated that they supported the Congressional action as a sign to members of the UN that such actions passed at the initiative of the Arab states could jeopardize American contributions.

Ottawa assures PLO

UNITED NATIONS — Canada gave Arab delegates to the UN renewed assurance last week that representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization will be allowed to participate in the Habitat conference in Vancouver next year.

Canadian delegate Robert Stanbury gave the assurance, replying in the economic committee to the Libyan delegation, when he said it was Canada's "firm intent to host the Habitat conference under the rules that normally apply to UN conferences and recognize that these rules will oblige us to facilitate the entry of delegations of the governments and organizations who are invited by the Secretary-General to participate."

Firm won't ask clients to obtain proof of religion

NEW YORK [JTA] — An American brokerage firm, Advest Company, that has been arranging businessmen's trips to the Middle East, has agreed to desist from advising its clients to obtain certification from a clergyman that they are not Jewish as a condition of admission to certain Arab states such as Saudi Arabia.

Responding to a protest over the practice from the American Jewish Committee, an Advest Co. partner, Randolph Guggenheimer Jr., said in a letter to AJC executive vice-president Bertram H. Gold that "we sincerely regret that we circulated a letter with the requirement that each participant on the trip produce a statement that he is a Christian." That requirement was also imposed on Jewish participants who were advised by Advest to secure a statement from a clergyman that would enable them to "pass" as Christians.

Guggenheimer said in his letter that "Advest never intended to discriminate against any participant and would never knowingly do so. We will continue to make trips open to all participants and will make up attempt to have people participate under false colors."

Responding to the letter, Gold said "it is reassuring to know that you will henceforth discontinue this practice." But, he added, "we would be very much interested to hear from you how you intend to implement the fine statement of intentions expressed in your letter to us."

The AJC made its protest in a Sept. 29 telegram to Paul S. Campion, an Advest official in charge of the tours. At the same time, the committee wrote to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, noting that the Advest delegation "will be briefed by the United States ambassador and other senior embassy officials." The letter said, "We are shocked that the United States government would actively assist a business venture that blatantly discriminates against American citizens" and urged Kissinger to "refuse official cooperation with any trips or business ventures established on a discriminatory basis."

Austerity strikes kitchen

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
REHOVOT —

The wave of price increases that followed our recent devaluation and tax hikes has struck a serious blow at the Israeli family dinner.

This is not to say that people are going without food or that mass starvation is just around the corner. Not at all. But in order to save money, more and more parents now try to eat their one heavy daily meal (with its meat or fish course) at a subsidized company restaurant, while their children do the same at a subsidized school restaurant. The two other meals of the day — based on relatively cheap bread, vegetables and milk products — are eaten at home.

Nevertheless, Israeli housewives still take pride in their culinary prowess, which now finds its primary expression at the family table on the weekends and holidays. Some cook the dishes they learned from their mothers. But ever larger numbers are diversifying their menus with the aid of cookbooks, the best-selling item in many bookstores.

English-speaking Israelis and tourists have just welcomed the arrival of a new volume entitled **A Taste of Israel,** which combines a selection of 120 recipes with snippets of information about life in this country.

For example, the section devoted to cakes, pies and pastries contains an explanation about how one particular confection grew out of the Yom Kippur War. The authors — American immigrants Ricky Friesem and Gerry Hornreich — recall that in October, 1973 the Israeli radio broadcast not only coded messages and battle reports, but also the following urgent warning: "Do not send cakes with cream or other perishable fillings to the front, because they may spoil before they arrive. Repeat: Do not..."

As a result, Ricky and Gerry go on, "the seach began for a cake that would stay moist and fresh, even in a hot desert climate. Thus was born the 'Soldier's Fruit Cake'."

A Taste of Israel, like Israel itself, is an ethnic mishmash. It contains recipes for the Eastern European dishes most Canadians think of as typically Jewish, including such specialties as kugel (baked noodles or potatoes) and borscht (cold beet soup). But one is also told how to prepare the curried chicken of Indian Jews, the bone soup of Yemenite Jews, the moussaka brought to Israel by the Jews of Greece, and a bean salad beloved of Turkish Jews.

Unfortunately, neither the piles of cookbooks nor the considerable achievements of Israeli housewives in their own kitchens have affected the quality of public eating places. To be sure, there are some very good (and expensive) specialty restaurants, but the country still lacks the American-style food chains where one can obtain, in clean surroundings, reasonably edible dishes at reasonably acceptable prices.

With all due respect to felafel (fried chickpeas and salad inside an envelope of bread), which Israelis traditionally munch as they walk down the street, and the imitation pizzas which have recently become popular, many people would be pleased if the U.S. aid program provided us not only with F-15 planes, Patton tanks and Lance missiles, but also with Big Mac hamburgers, Colonel Saunders' Kentucky Fried Chicken, and the Jewish corn-beef sandwiches still unavailable in the Jewish state.

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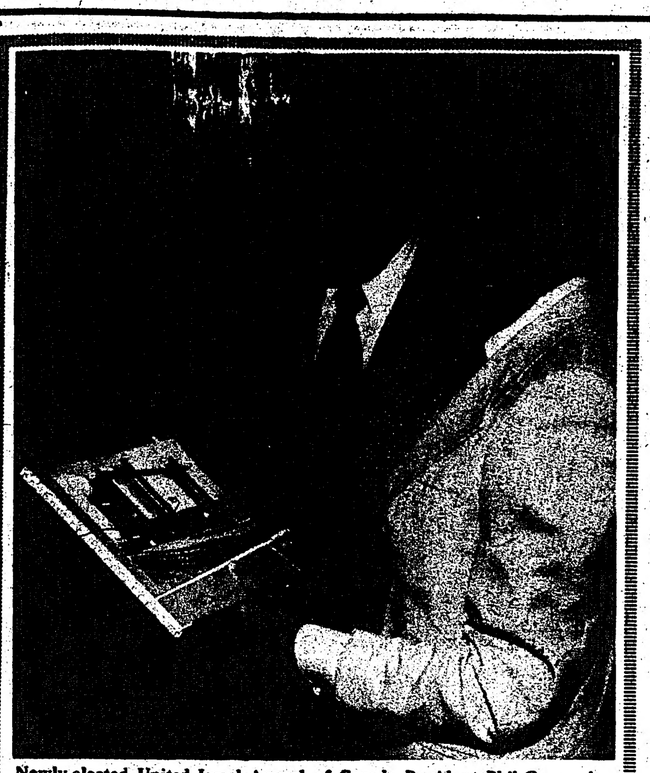

Newly-elected United Israel Appeal of Canada President Phil Granovsky (right) of Toronto, makes presentation to Thomas Hecht of Montreal, outgoing president. Project will be built in Israel marking Hecht's term.

Myer Bick tells Hamilton audience

Mideast not a major item in Canadian policy

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

The Middle East is not a major item in Canadian foreign policy, Myer Bick reminded a Hamilton audience recently as he put Canadian Middle East policy in perspective at a meeting sponsored jointly by the Hamilton Jewish Federation and the National Council of Jewish Women.

Dividing his address into three distinct areas, the national executive director of the Canada-Israel Committee assessed the Middle East situation as it is today, related his analysis to Canadian foreign policy and in turn tied in the Canadian Jews' responsibilities and relationships.

"If Canada always says, as she has since 1948, that she supports Israel's right to exist and that to secure her recognized boundaries is the fundamental cornerstone on which Canadian-Middle East policy is based, whenever a situation arises either in the Middle East or in the UN or in Europe, which threatens this policy — in other words, which threatens Israel's existence — then Canada has to oppose this kind of policy as a logical conclusion to her fundamental policy.

"And if one believes in that right," he continued, "then one must act on that belief. The general theme of Canadian foreign policy should be the same as our domestic values and principles applied on the international scene. And we should act on these principles. The same thing applies to the UN."

Comparing Israel's right to exist with the rights of African states existing only a few years, he said that nobody questions their right to exist.

Unstated but important elements in Canadian foreign policy have to do primarily with trade and Canada, he pointed out, is an expert in producing and supplying the kind of technology, equipment and material underdeveloped OPEC countries — which have a great deal of money — need. And another unstated "but nevertheless living example of the real problems in Canadian foreign policy is petro-dollars. Canada is a country that is developing sophisticated equipment, particularly in hydro systems, which means enormous sums of money. Ontario Hydro production alone in the next 10-15 years offer $15 million investments which have to be offered on the money markets. This kind of money is readily available from OPEC countries."

At a news conference earlier in the day Bick said that statements in the press that "the government caved in to Zionist pressure" and that the "government did a shabby thing" in cancelling the UN conference on crime were "full of baloney.

"If anyone knows anything about Jewish pressure," he said in answer to a question, "I do. That's not the sort of thing we are engaged in. The Jewish community, as a community, did not ask the government to do anything, at any time."

The government may at times have asked for Jewish opinions, he went on, "but we did not ask the government for anything nor did we present any briefs."

Referring to editorials he noted that "no one called any responsible authorities or Jewish leaders to ask what are the issues" and went on to state that they spoke of Jewish pressure and gave the connotation that Jews have a lot of power. He dismissed as silly the idea that Jews have any influence in politics or industrial power or the power to elect anyone. "Nobody goes after the Jewish vote in Canada," he said.

Options in Judaic studies

TORONTO —

Options for the Judaic studies program at York University commence September, 1976. The Faculty of Education announces a Judaic studies option as part of its regular curriculum.

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Avner, Rabin's advisor, to speak at Nov. 2 dinner

TORONTO —

Yehuda Avner, advisor to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and an outstanding Israeli diplomat, will fly to Toronto, Nov., 2, to be principal speaker at the Interfaith Sports Celebrity Dinner. The event will honor distinguished community leader Sam Shefsky.

The dinner will take place in the Canadian Room of the Royal York Hotel that evening, and will be highlighted by the presentation to Shefsky by State of Israel Bonds of the rarely-bestowed Canada-Israel Friendship Award.

Avner's duties bring him in close contact with the forces and events that shape the destiny of his country. He had led many key posts in the diplomatic service as counsellor of the Embassy of Israel in Washington, as consul of Israel in New York, and as information chief of the prime minister's office.

Currently, as advisor to Rabin, Avner is in a position to report from first-hand experience on the decision-making process affecting Israel's vital political interests.

Information about attending the dinner may be obtained by calling Toronto State of Israel Bonds at 789-3351.

Yehuda Avner

Labor group endorses principles of Bill 22

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

The Jewish Labor Committee of Canada has endorsed the "principles and objectives inherent" in Bill 22, the Quebec legislation that will make French the official language of the province.

The committee does, however, propose certain modifications, among them that legislation be enacted to ensure that only future non-English speaking immigrants be integrated into the French school system rather than those already living in Quebec.

"Anybody planning to come to Quebec should be fully informed before emigrating that they will be directed to French schools if they come to this province of Canada. But the government should not, as it is doing now, test the children of immigrants who were here before the bill was introduced, or remove the right of any non-French Canadian currently residing in Quebec to send their children to the school of their choice," according to Elie Chalouh, national director of the JLC.

The Quebec government is urged by the JLC to embark on a program overseas that will acquaint prospective immigrants with the distinctive cultural qualities of the province.

"No fair-minded individual can deny the French Canadians their aspirations of living substantially in a French environment and the concurrent right to ensure that the environment remains as such," Chalouh said.

For this reason the JLC, in keeping with its 41-year history of opposing "discrimination and bigotry," denounces the "hysterical" campaign against Bill 22 by Montreal radio station CFCF that saw close to 600,000 sign a petition demanding the bill's abolition.

"This irresponsible action on the part of CFCF has diminished the possibility for rational debate by giving fuel to emotionalism and aggravating racial tensions."

The difficulty in the controversy over Bill 22, according to Chalouh, is that neither side shows much understanding for the position of the other.

The committee, therefore, calls on Anglophone Quebecers not to deny the "indigenous population, namely the French Canadians, their rights of preservation and continuation of their language and their culture." At the same time, it asks that English-speaking residents not be discriminated against in the process of reaching that goal.

Offensive item brings apology

TORONTO –

The editors of the University of Toronto student daily, **The Varsity**, printed an apology in their Oct. 22 issue regarding an offensive news item carried earlier in the week about the Holocaust conference.

In a six paragraph story, replete with lowercase "j's" for Jews, an unnamed writer displayed what was called "editorial irresponsibility," by writing the following:

"Promotors of the series are aware that, perhaps, the question has been a little 'overexposed' in the last while. Israel has been fighting a diplomatic battle as well as a militaristic one and the concept of Nazi atrocities has oft become their sole defense."

Two days after the appearance of this inflammatory piece of journalism, **The Varsity** issued an apology on page 2. It read: **"The Varsity** apologizes for the admittedly offensive tone of our page 5 article . . . on the Holocaust lectures currently taking place on campus. Those responsible for the article's appearance have been reprimanded."

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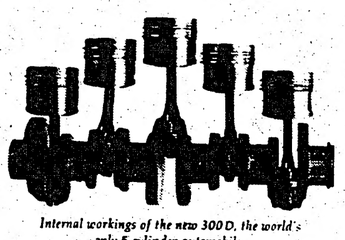

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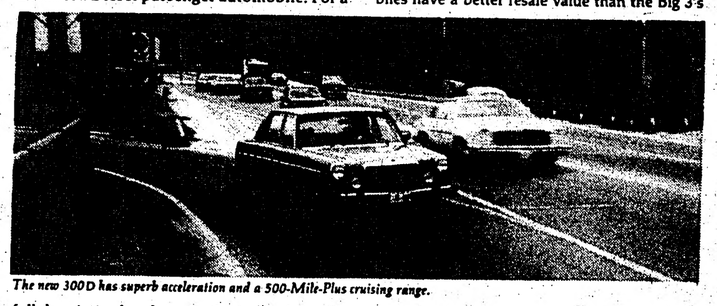

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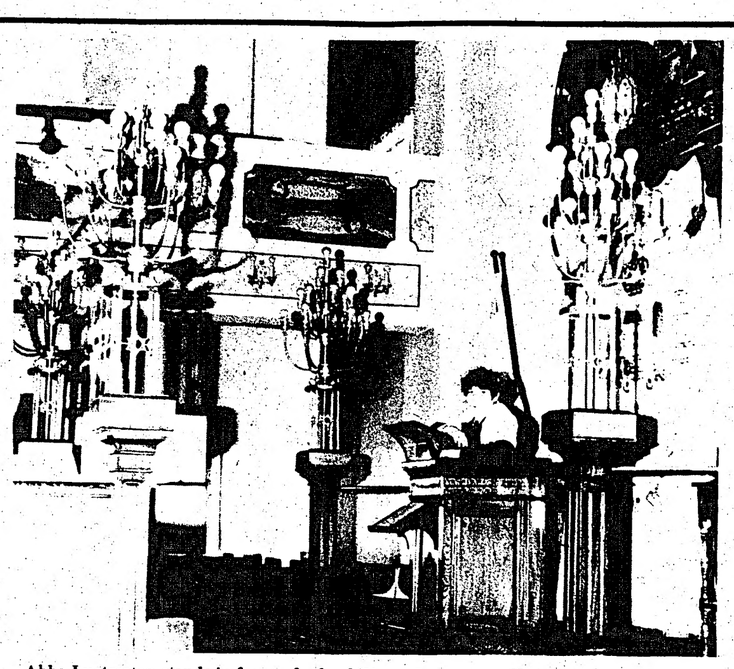

Abba Lustgarten stands in front of ark of Kiever Synagogue. He had first bar mitzvah in the Toronto synagogue now undergoing restoration. It was built in 1912. (Congress photos)

Both sides far apart

Kissinger has difficult task ahead in achieving Israeli-Syrian accord

Painfully aware of Henry Kissinger's predilection for step-by-step negotiations, Israelis are now girding themselves for the next and probably most decisive stage of his frenetic shuttle diplomacy. With a second-stage Sinai disengagement accord in the process of being worked out, the attention of the peripatetic American secretary of state is necessarily beginning to focus on the hotly disputed Golan Heights.

Although talks between Israel and Syria are inevitable, both sides have adopted seemingly uncompromising positions that leave little room for political manoeuvre.

Syria's foreign minister, Abdel-Halim Khaddam, rejecting the concept of negotiations, has said Damascus will not hold talks with Israel. Premier Mahmoud al-Ayoubi has told Parliament his country would not take back the Golan Heights if it had to accept terms such as those Egypt agreed to in its latest pact with Israel. And in an interview with **The Canadian Jewish News,** Salah El Dine Tarazi, a high official in the Foreign Ministry, emphasized that Damascus would not offer Jerusalem reciprocal political concessions even if the Israeli army withdrew from the Golan Heights.

The Israelis, while not ruling out further talks with the Syrians to complement their first disengagement agreement with Syria in June of 1974, have not exactly been eager about the prospect of yet another limited accord. To the chagrin of the White House, Premier Rabin has consistently said that Jerusalem is not prepared for more than "cosmetic changes" — withdrawals totalling not more than 100 to 300 yards. Premier Rabin continues to stress that further interim arrangements are difficult to attain due to geographical and domestic political considerations.

Caught between Israel and Syria is the looming presence of the United States, which seeks to consolidate her strengthened position in the Arab world. Clearly, Washington has no intention of allowing the situation to stagnate. In his undertakings to Egypt's President Sadat, Secretary Kissinger pledged the U.S. would make "a serious effort" to help bring about Syrian-Israeli negotiations through diplomatic channels. The importance of his statement was to give President Sadat ammunition to rebut Syrian and other radical Arab charges that Cairo was breaking with the united front on Israel. Kissinger is certainly willing to start negotiations as soon as possible, but even he admits that talks will be "extremely difficult" to launch.

At this point in time, it is exceedingly difficult to see how even Mr. Kissinger, the master manipulator, can manage to persuade the antagonists to thrash out the web of complex issues without resorting to war. Israeli public opinion, for the most part at least, opposes a compromise settlement with the hated and feared Syrians. Then, too, there is always the danger that Yitzhak Rabin may forfeit his leadership if he succumbs to U.S. pressure.

In a recent speech in Montreal, political scientist Hans Morgenthau alluded to this possibility when he declared that Premier Rabin would "sign his political death warrant" if he relinquished the strategic Golan Heights. **Ha'aretz** the respected daily, voiced fears that "a situation approaching that of civil war" would confront the Israeli government if it agreed to yield the high ground overlooking the soft underbelly of the Galilee.

With the ink barely dry on the Sinai accord, a debate of gargantuan proportions on the future of the Golan Heights has thus begun in Jerusalem, Damascus and Washington. In the months to come, as the Sinai agreement is gradually implemented and the pressure builds up for more Israeli concessions, the likelihood is that Israel and Syria will soften their respective stances on talks.

Yet, if the talks are really to succeed, all the parties to the dispute, including the Soviet Union, must be present. American sponsorship of Syrian-Israeli negotiations will not alone break the impasse between the antagonists, as Moshe Dayan recently suggested in a Toronto address.

Abba Lustgarten searched hard for right synagogue for his bar mitzvah

Youth found Kiever Synagogue 'home'

By MILDRED WYMAN

TORONTO —

On Saturday, Oct., 4, 1975, the equivalent of 39 Tishrai, 5736 Jewish time, Abba Lustgarten's bar mitzvah took place at the Kiever Synagogue on Denison Square in Toronto. Since on any given Saturday in Toronto there are at least a dozen bar mitzvahs, why focus attention on this one?

This was the first bar mitzvah in the Kiever since restoration has been undertaken by the Canadian Jewish Congress, under the guidance of archivist Stephen Speisman. The building, standing on the site of "Bellevue," the home of the Denisons (The "Family Pact" of early Ontario history fame) was erected about 1925, although the congregation dates back to 1912.

The architecture, typical of the traditional Orthodox synagogues of its time, is virtually in its original state, with the murals done by Frank Silverstein and his two children still intact. Originally in the centre of the Jewish community, it is now surrounded by Kensington Market and is one of the few remaining of that era.

Abba, a slim, dark-eyed introspective young man, the grandson of the well-known Yiddish poet J.I. Segal, is the son of Sylvia and Peter Lustgarten. Both social workers, they are unusually sensitive parents who have encouraged Abba and his older brother Jacob, 16, into independent thinking.

While Jacob leans toward a "cultural Judaism," Abba feels a strong commitment towards religious Judaism. Jacob's bar mitzvah took place three years ago in a modern Conservative synagogue, the lobby of which is larger than the whole Kiever Synagogue, and his bar mitzvah focused Abba's attention on his own to come.

He and his family agreed that a smaller congregation would create a happier environment for them but did not know which one, so Abba then began attending many synagogues to "find the right one." It was not till he stepped into the Kiever that he felt he had "come home."

Restoration, a dusty musty process is not to be hurried, and it will be several years before the plans conceived by architect Marty Mendelow will be completed. The many beautiful stained glass windows are high up on the list of priorities of repairs and are held together with masking tape.

The synagogue was never abandoned, but it has been neglected, although in spite of the general air of disrepair, the sanctuary has retained its air of timeless dignity.

Water marks stain the walls and in spots the paint is peeling, but rays of light from the colored glass windows, reflecting off the silver Torah crowns, dance with joy, as though still celebrating the services long past.

In spite of the shabbiness of the building when Abba first visited the synagogue, he said "...there was just simply no where else I wanted to have my bar mitzvah. It felt so right," he continued, "...I feel such a sense of history here, part of the past, but still part of the future of Judaism. This quite simply, was where I belonged."

The service was conducted by Rabbi Sheldon Steinberg, chaplain for the Canadian Jewish Congress, who has also been Abba's advisor and teacher. Among the guests present were Rebbitzin Langer, the widow of Rabbi Langer who was the rabbi of Kiever Synagogue from the start of the congregation in 1912, until his death several years ago.

A reception for family and friends followed in the lower level, where many photographs of earlier times in the Toronto Jewish community were displayed by the archives committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Abba, at once proud and relieved, moved from group to group, eyes gleaming with excitement. In an attempt to explain his emotions, he groped for words. "I feel that I really entered the community when I stood in the sanctuary this morning, reciting my Haftorah...and that I'm ensuring the future of Judaism by becoming a wholehearted Jew. I wasn't...I'm not just mouthing words soon to be forgotten. I was really making a commitment. I was looking back and ahead at the same time."

The bringing to life again of a portion of the past to overlap a portion of the future makes the Kiever Synagogue into a living heritage.

Big fight looming in U.S. on aid package for Israel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

For a group of Congressional dissidents, there was not much cheering or joy in Washington when President Ford signed a joint resolution authorizing 200 U.S. civilians to man early-warning stations in the Sinai Peninsula.

Although official Washington was naturally pleased that the Congressional decision would set in motion the process leading to Israel's withdrawal from 1,900 square miles of Egyptian territory over the next five months, some politicians and State Department bureaucrats were plainly concerned by the implications of the pact and the various pledges Secretary of State Kissinger made to Cairo and Jerusalem in the course of his shuttle diplomacy.

In testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, George W. Ball, a former under-secretary of state in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, claimed the latest disengagement accord would impede progress towards a final settlement, increase tensions and produce an intensified arms race which can lead to a highly dangerous explosion in the next two or three years."

His sentiments were echoed by an odd coterie of strange bedfellows ranging from the anti-Semitic Liberty Lobby to the United Zionists-Revisionists, Inc., and the Jewish Defence League.

Kissinger expected a quick passage of the accord after Israel and Egypt agreed to his terms on Sept. 1. Instead, Congress stalled for 1½ months because the Foreign Relations Committee wanted him to make public understandings concerning a U.S.-Israeli agreement on future American aid and diplomatic steps in the Middle East; an accord between the two countries on the Geneva Conferences; U.S. assurances to Israel dealing with Pershing missiles and F-16 fighters; and guarantees from Washington to Cairo that a Golan accord would follow.

In the course of the heated debate on the whole range of Kissinger's requests, Under-Secretary of State Joseph J. Sisco told a House committee that it would initially cost the U.S. some $10 million to establish facilities for the 200 technicians and to post them in the Sinai mountain passes to monitor the agreement. But on Capital Hill, more than a few senators, voiced anxiety that the United States would have to pay much more heavily for the next accord.

The general appraisal was that Israel did not have to make major concessions this time, that she still controlled 80% of the Sinai in any event and that Egypt gained no military advantages not already possessed as a result of the first disengagement in January of 1974. Therefore, it was being asked, what would Israel demand for returning all of the occupied Arab territories? Behind this lay a more crucial question: Are Israeli leaders dropping their expectations for military self-sufficiency in favor of total dependence on an American military presence?

Voicing these fears were 18 senators and 69 congressmen, who voted against the stationing of U.S. civilians in the Sinai. Rep. David R. Obey, of Wisconsin, who recently led a three-man delegation from the House Appropriations Committee's Foreign Operations Subcommittee on a tour of the Middle East, best symbolized his colleagues' apprehensions. As he put it:

"The Administration reportedly intends to seek about $2.3 billion in military and economic aid for Israel in the fiscal 1976 budget. Aid in that magnitude — especially when it is viewed as the down payment in a three-year or more package — is more likely than not to encourage the continuing belief among the Israelis that they have more time than is in fact available to achieve resolution of basic questions in the Golan Heights and on the West Bank.

"Congress would, therefore, be serving both Israel's long-term interests and the interests of peace by reducing substantially the amount of aid being requested, limiting it to an amount necessary to keep Israel's economy viable and to maintain her existing military capability."

Also among the dissenters was Illinois Senator Adlai Stevenson, who called himself one of Israel's "stoutest friends and defenders." He said the U.S. Administrations's undertakings to provide Israel with massive quantities of military aid were "disturbing," particularly the promise that the U.S. would consider Pershing missiles and other items of high technology.

In trying to convince Congress that U.S. civilian technicians in the Sinai would not play the same role as U.S. "advisors" in South Vietnam, Kissinger argued that the American presence could instead be compared to UN peacekeeping observers who would report to all sides and take no part in any hostilities. Indeed, no sooner had the Foreign Relations Committee approved of the stationing of civilians than Kissinger assured them that the American presence did not commit Congress to undertakings and assurances to the respective parties.

However, under persistent questioning, Kissinger did concede that the Ford Administration regarded some of the undertakings made in the memorandum of agreement with Israel as binding on the White House. These included provisions with supplying Israel with her oil requirements and military needs.

For the time being, Israeli officials in Washington and Jerusalem are fairly satisfied with the resolution pushed through Congress. But they are also aware that the big fight is yet to come regarding Congressional action on the administration's $2.3 billion economic aid package for Israel. Observers say opponents will strive to pare the amount, thus bringing into question again the ultimate strength of American commitments to Israel.

Agreement with Egypt doesn't lessen the urgency of our Bond support

There are certain misconceptions about the new agreement with Egypt that require correction. First of all, it is being overly optimistic to interpret a one-step interim agreement as a major leap towards peace, which regrettably appears to be far off. Therefore, it is totally unrealistic for Israel to relax or to lessen its defensive strength or deterrent posture.

Secondly, it is a serious mistake to assume that the $2.3-billion Israel has asked in U.S. aid will materially reduce the enormous pressures on Israel's economy. It should be made very clear that almost all of the U.S. funds will go for defense and that at best they will cover no more than two-thirds of Israel's defense budget of more than $3-billion.

In many respects the Israel economy will be in great difficulty in the coming weeks and months. The economic slowdown may grow worse and bring on a higher rate of unemployment unless large-scale Israel Bond cash funds become available immediately to expand the production of export goods.

One of the major objectives of the urgent cash effort now underway in our community is the collection of outstanding commitments which were made at our synagogues during this year's High Holy Day campaign for Israel Bonds. To offset the mail strike and to maintain the flow of vital funds to Israel many synagogues are co-operating by serving as cash collection centres for Israel Bond payments.

Cash is the need of the hour. Israel is depending on us to turn our commitment into fulfillment. Only cash can do the job.

Importance of Sephardi, Ashkenazi as divisive is widely exaggerated

About half of Israel's Jewish population consists of Jewish immigrants from Europe and their descendants, while the other half are Jews who came to Israel from the Arab countries. Nevertheless it would be misleading to view Israeli society as split into two irreconcilable communities — Sephardi (Oriental) Jews and Ashkenazi (European) Jews.

The importance of the Sephardi and Ashkenazi categories is widely exaggerated. In Israel, the analysis of sub-groups within the Sephardi and Ashkenazi macro-groupings provides more useful insights into Israeli society than the somewhat abstract Sephardi and Ashkenazi categories.

Yemenite Jews who were skilled artisans, deeply religious and highly attached to the idea of Return to Zion and who came with their spiritual leaders as a whole community, integrated easily into Israeli society. (One of them is speaker of Israel's parliament.)

The problem of the urban proletariat from the slums of Morocco — uprooted from their traditional way of life, largely unskilled and illiterate — who immigrated without their economic and intellectual elites, was very different.

In the same way the well-educated Baghdad Jews, the French-speaking Algerian Jews and the urban well-to-do from Egypt are worlds apart from the illiterate immigrants from Kurdistan or the Atlas Mountains.

In Israel there is no historical legacy of slavery, segregation, lynch justice, disenfranchisement and institutional discrimination. In Israel there is no fertile ground for racist ideologies because Israeli-Jewish identity is not only based on Jewish religion and the history of dispersion and persecution but also on the memory of the common ethnic descent and common statehood.

Zionism, as any national ideology, emphasizes the common origin and the national oneness of all Jews, and aims to do away with the differences the various Jewish communities acquired in the Diaspora.

Although some Ashkenazi Jews do harbor prejudices, there is in Israel overwhelming support for total amalgamation including integrated neighborhoods and intermarriage. Today every fifth Israeli marriage is "mixed" and intermarriage is steadily rising. Thus the next generation of Israelis will already include a sizable group which will be neither Sephardi nor Ashkenazi but only Israeli. If intermarriage will continue to rise at the same rate Israel will overcome the Sephardi-Ashkenazi cleavage within two decades.

— From an essay by Dr. Benjamin Neuberger, a professor of political science at Tel Aviv University.

Water purifier may eliminate shortage

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

TIBERIAS —

Residents of Tiberias recently suffered severe water shortages despite the fact that their town borders the Sea of Galilee, Israel's largest lake and fresh-water reservoir. Yet this was of no value of them as the pipes from which they ordinarily draw their water are no longer inside the lake but on dry land, the level of the Sea of Galilee having dropped because of overpumping.

This situation served to dramatize the urgent need to find more water for Israel's agriculture, and industry, as well as for domestic consumption. One possible means of obtaining more water is by recycling some of the 300,000,000 cubic meters of sewage which each year, for the most part, go to waste. And now an Israel science-based industry has unveiled a mobile pilot plant for processing sewage that provides, as end products, both purified water (suitable for irrigation and almost suitable for human consumption) and concentrated algae for use as high-protein animal feed.

Built by the Membrane Division of Israel Desalination Engineering Ltd., the installation, unlike treatment plants now in operation, does not require the introduction of algae-killing lime or alum into its exidation pools. Instead, it concentrates and purifies the sewage by low pressure ultrafiltration, utilizing artificial membranes developed specifically for this task. These membranes have two unique characteristics: they are impervious to attack by bacteria in the sewage and also filter out nitrates, the latter being particularly important because there is already a dangerously high level of nitrates in Israel's water supply.

It is not yet possible to estimate the cost of building and operating these units on a commercial basis, but an important factor in costs — the energy input required — is relatively low because the purification process can be carried out at only one-tenth the pressure needed by conventional systems. Moreover, low pressure permits the unit to be built with much less expensive materials than would otherwise be required.

When expenses are calculated, one must also take into consideration the fact that the algae "left over" should bring in substantial sums of money. Optimists go so far as to suggest that profits from the sale of algae might even cover the entire cost of the operation, making the water "free."

But even if they are wrong and the recycling costs a considerable amount of money, it is still likely to be less expensive than the only available alternative, the immediate construction of extremely costly desalination plants.

ask the rabbi

Comforting of mourners

1. Is it correct that one does not wish "long-life" to a mourner on a Sabbath, and why not?

It is not correct. One may, indeed, should, wish a mourner "long-life" on the Sabbath.

The Talmud (Succah 41b) tells us that the men of Jerusalem on Succot would carry their lulavim with them wherever they went, for example when they went to visit the sick and to comfort mourners. This shows that mourners are comforted on Yomtov. The same would apply to the Sabbath, even though the mourning rites, such as sitting shiva, are not observed on these days.

It is the universal custom for mourners to be comforted by the congregation on Friday Dodi hymn (see Singer's Prayer Book, page 147).

Speaking of this expression "long-life" used to comfort mourners, I have been unable to discover any reference to it in the traditional sources.

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Dreaded scourge was ended at last

Public adulation came to Dr. Jonas Salk when he discovered vaccine against polio

Landmark Events In Our History

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

Less than two decades ago, summer was synonymous with epidemics of the dreaded disease, poliomyelitis. The birth of a baby boy in a Jewish section of New York City on Oct. 28, 1914 would, four decades later, change all that. The vaccine he would play an instrumental part in discovering, would make the name of Dr. Jonas Edward Salk a household word.

The public, by and large, would not know, nor would they show signs of caring, about the myriad scientific controversies that plagued Salk in attempting to convince his fellow scientists that a killed-virus vaccine would work. All the public cared about was that no longer would there be such statistics as those of the summer of 1916 when over 9,000 cases of poliomyelitis were reported in New York City with almost 2,500 ending in death.

The announcement on April 12, 1955 that, in an experimental program, several million children had been successfully inoculated with Salk vaccine, brought thousands and thousands of telegrams, tear-stained letters from grateful parents and letters containing small amounts of cash (for research into the prevention of other diseases) to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis (which ran the March of Dimes) and to the University of Pittsburgh where Salk was a research professor.

As well, parents named children after him. Hospitals and streets were given his name. Honorary degrees from numerous universities and a multitude of awards were presented to the medical scientist.

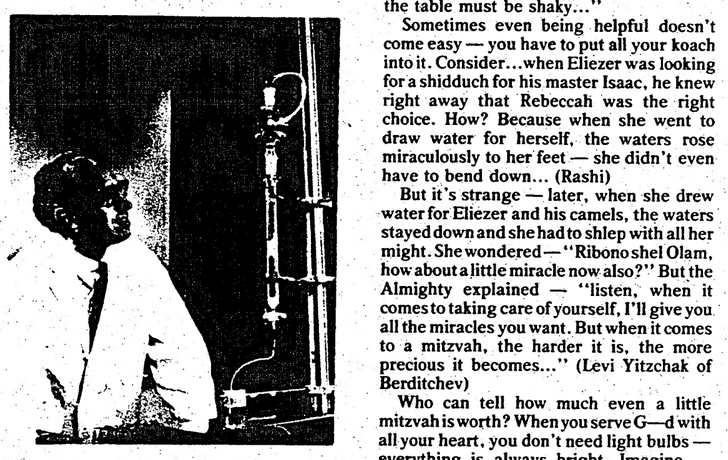
In the hubbub of public adulation, however, few realized that Salk was being denied several major awards within the scientific community. (The explanation most often given is that Salk did not do innovative work but rather his vaccine was the result of a compilation of previous scientific discoveries.)

And, too, few of the millions of people throughout the world who had received the three inoculations of Salk vaccine paid any heed to the controversy surrounding the supplanting (sometimes only temporarily) of the Salk vaccine by the Sabin oral vaccine, in various parts of the world.

(Dr. Albert Sabin, arriving in the United States from Bialystok, in 1921, did polio research for 30 years until, in 1961, he produced his modified, live-virus vaccine. He too, was honored by a grateful world and, a few years later, accepted the position of president of Weizmann Institute.)

With the ongoing hubbub, Salk began putting together the plans of his lifetime dream. In 1963, in La Jolla, Calif., with the sound of the roaring surf of the beautiful, blue Pacific at the back door, several of the world's best minds, in a variety of scientific fields, joined the Salk Institute for Biological Studies.

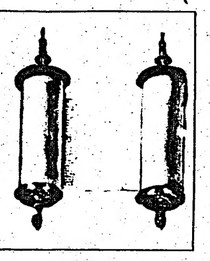
The research done here, hoped Salk and, indeed, the rest of the world, would establish scientific milestones in man's attempt to end the ravages of disease.



Dr. Jonas Salk, a giant of medicine.

When it is necessary to sweat in order to accomplish mitzvahs, the more precious they become

sparks from the torah



By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Chayai Sarah/Rosh Chodesh Kislev Va'timaher vate'ar kadah el hashokes... And she (Rebeccah) hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough...

There's electric everything...toothbrushes, pencil sharpeners, even knaidelfluffers — but there's no electric mitzvahs. To serve G—d you have to sweat yourself...

You also have to have heart. Once the world-renowned scholar Rabbi Akiva Eiger had a guest for Shabbos. The visitor accidentally knocked over a wine cup, staining the gleaming white tablecloth. Rabbi Akiva Eiger immediately knocked over his own cup. "Oy," he cried, "I think the table must be shaky..."

Sometimes even being helpful doesn't come easy — you have to put all your koach into it. Consider...when Eliezer was looking for a shidduch for his master Isaac, he knew right away that Rebeccah was the right choice. How? Because when she went to draw water for herself, the waters rose miraculously to her feet — she didn't even have to bend down... (Rashi)

But it's strange — later, when she drew water for Eliezer and his camels, the waters stayed down and she had to shlep with all her might. She wondered — "Ribono shel Olam, how about a little miracle now also?" But the Almighty explained — "listen, when it comes to taking care of yourself, I'll give you all the miracles you want. But when it comes to a mitzvah, the harder it is, the more precious it becomes..." (Levi Yitzchak of Berditchev)

Who can tell how much even a little mitzvah is worth? When you serve G—d with all your heart, you don't need light bulbs — everything is always bright. Imagine — "**Avraham zakain ba bayamim** — and Abraham was old and came with days..." Of course he came "with days," what should be come with — a taxi?

Ah, but it teaches...when a person does mitzvahs, it's never night, only day — every minute shines with **kedusha**. But if a person runs around all day in vain pursuits... (May Marom)

The only full time job a Jew has is serving G—d. Every time a Jew does a kindness or studies Torah, he is working for himself. Every minute spent on material things — even if he winds up owning half of Toronto from it — is working for someone else. Nothing belongs to us — even our own bodies are just temporary suits. Our neshama, that's all we have — and all we have to worry about...

But it's hard to do mitzvahs if you're a sourpuss — and the only way to be happy is when you're always satisfied. Doesn't it say — "v'Hashem bairach es Avraham bakol — and the L—rd blessed Abraham with everything..." But between you and me — did he really have everything — he didn't even have cable television?

It teaches, though...whatever Abraham had, it was **bakol** — everything — because he was satisfied. He never looked to see what kind of car his neighbor drove, and that's the greatest blessing... (Or Layesharim)

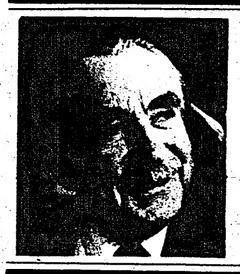
Grandfather Abraham was a real mentch. Our rabbis taught... "a precious gem hung from Abraham's throat and whoever gazed at it was immediately healed..." What was that gem — diamonds? It was the friendly greeting, the kind words, the sentences of encouragement that always came from his throat that made everyone feel better...

Once, guests came to a pious innkeeper for Shabbos. They asked him how much he charged and he quoted an exorbitant fee. They were outraged but what could they do? But they ate and drank their money's worth. After Shabbos, when they came to pay him, he refused to take a penny. "I wanted you to feel at home so I quoted you a price. But chas v'shalom I should take a penny for such a mitzvah of **hachnosas orchim**."

May we find only wise things to say. Shabbat Shalom.

Please note our new Sparks from the Torah TV schedule: *Metro Cable, Mondays at 9; Wednesdays at 6; York Cable, Tuesdays at 8; Willow Downs Cable, Tuesdays at 8:30; Keeble Cable, Thursdays at 8.*

Mendle Berger was practioner of the religion of labor



By J.B. SALSBERG

As a rule I avoid writing about individuals, especially about those who are still alive and active. If and when I do depart from this self-imposed rule I do so in order to illustrate a trend which is expressed by the ideology or behavior of a given individual.

But from time to time I experience a strong compulsion to write about some special person who is no longer among the living. It is usually about someone whose life provided a unique and shining example of the refreshing, spiritual winds that influenced the lives of our people in the not-too-distant past.

One such unusual person was the late Mendle Berger whose first Yahrzeit (first anniversary) is now being observed by his family and by the many who knew, who respected and who admired him. The chief characteristic of Mendle Berger needs to be recorded.

Mendle was born towards the end of the last century in the town of Stashov, Poland. He grew up at a time when the winds of change were shaking the social and political fabric of Eastern Europe, where lived the vast majority of world Jewry. The age-old lifestyle of Jewish communities began to disintegrate. In response to the hardships that faced our fathers on the eve of the new century new ideas, new national, social and political entities emerged in the shtetlech and in the large centres — all competing for the minds and loyalties of fellow Jews the young ones especially.

The late Mendle Berger

Zionism and socialism, with their multitute of ideological subdivisions, became the main contenders. The quicksand foundations of the East European Jewish economy stimulated an idealistic longing among the young for a solid, creative and dependable Jewish future. Aaron David Gordon, the prophet of the "religion of labor," especially in agriculture in the ancient land, fired the imagination of many who had been caught in the trap of a hostile and dismal surrounding. Eliakum Tzunzer's famous song **The Soche** (the plough) being the source of a blessed and contented life was sung by countless young people of Stashov and of hundreds of similar towns and cities throughout Eastern Europe at the dawn of the 20th century.

Mendle Berger acquired the skills of a "kamashen shtepper," the complete preparation of the uppers of shoes, according to the desired style and size, which the customer then took to his favorite shoemaker to build into a wearable shoe. This was Mendle's family's occupation and Mendle, the sensitive, serious and idealistic follower of the religion of Jewish labor, became an expert at it.

When young Mendle came to Toronto it was natural for him to seek a factory job. Other young immigrants may have quickly recognized the "golden opportunities" which this new world offered and turned adroitly in the direction of material successes. But not Mendle Berger. He became a millinery and cap maker, a factory worker, and remained one by choice throughout his working years. It was at his place of work that Mendle met his Dora, the girl who was to be his lifelong companion and loyal, understanding wife and mother of his children.

Mendle Berger seemed to have completely overcome the temptations for an easier life or for the attainment of unearned wealth. But more than that; Mendle also resisted all pressures to assume a full-time, paid position of leadership in his union. He was the builder and lifelong leader of his union. His leadership was rarely, if ever, questioned. His position of authority among his fellow men was based on the trust and confidence that his co-workers had in him. Yet Mendle never would accept a paid position. He was offered every available office in the union in Toronto, in Canada and at the international union headquarters in New York. Mendle turned them all down with a grateful smile, as if to say that it's alright for others but not for him. To accept a paid office might conflict with the philosophy upon which was based the Jewish religion of labor...

Mendle's lifestyle seems to have rubbed off on his two children. The son is a leading civil servant in organized Jewish communal life in Toronto and the daughter teaches in an American university. They carry on their father's religion of labor.

Dora Berger can look back with pride on the life that she and Mendle lived.

UN's anti-Zionism resolution 'most serious'

By A.J. ARNOLD

WINNIPEG —

It is noteworthy that in reporting the issues discussed by the Canada-Israel Committee at its recent meeting with External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen in Ottawa earlier this month, **CJN** Associate Editor Lewis Levendel gave first place to the UN Third Committee amendment condemning Zionism along with Racism. Canada voted against it.

On the other hand, the Canadian Jewish Congress Inter-Office Information bulletin (IOI. Oct. 10) reporting the same Ottawa meeting placed first the entry into Canada of PLO representatives. **The CJN** reported the Arab boycott problem in second place as did Congress IOI. The PLO question was in last place in **The CJN** while the IOI had the UN resolution condemning Zionism in last place.

The CJN certainly reported those issues in their proper order of priority. Moreover if the order followed by the IOI coincided with the formal submission presented to the minister, then we suggest that the submission was out of order. Each of these questions has very serious implications, but it is the UN move to lump Zionism with racism and the Arab boycott which are of a global nature and most seriously affect Israel. PLO entry into Canada, while still a burning question, has acquired something of a parochial character.

UN correspondent Stephen Rosenfeld recently reported that the Arab political steamroller had "slowed way down on the critical issue of Israel." This comment appeared in the press on the very day that Uganda President Idi Amin made his flamboyant address to the world body in which he showed that true racism knows no color bar.

In other words Amin demonstrated that the color of a person's skin has nothing to do with susceptibility to the social virus of racism — including its anti-Semitic strain.

In the context of Idi Amin's remarks, and he is certainly not the first to speak that way, anti-Zionism has been used as a euphemism for anti-Semitism.

Since this resolution is part of a UN decade-for-action against racism it should be realized that the frontal attack calling for the expulsion of Israel from the UN has been replaced by this backdoor approach which in the long-run can be far more insidious.

The answer to this problem will not be found in suggestions that Israel or Canada or any other country should walk out of the UN. Nor will anything be gained by indignantly refusing to consider the need to seek new ways of explaining the true nature of Zionist ideology — and perhaps clarifying it for ourselves in the light of Israel's third decade.

Adoption of the anti-Zionist position by the UN can also be used as a basis for helping to sustain the Arab anti-Israel boycott. The boycott issue is far more clear-cut and the call of the Canada-Israel committee for legislation to minimize, if not completely eliminate, the effects of the boycott on Canadian firms doing business with Israel should be supported by letters to the Prime Minister, to the Minister of External Affairs and to our own members of Parliament.

As for the PLO, it was certainly right for the Canada-Israel Committee to reaffirm its opposition to the entry of PLO delegates to Canada for any reason, so long as that organization remains committed to the destruction of Israel. We cannot see the value however of the CIC or the Canadian government taking the same kind of action with regard to the Habitat conference in Vancouver as that taken on the crime conference.

Letters to the Editor

Article on Baycrest Home for the Aged praised, expanded upon

Dear Editor:

Reporter Elizabeth Wolfe is to be commended for projecting a descriptive panorama as well as an astute inner-insight into Toronto Jewry's impressive venture, the Baycrest Home for the Aged. The best judgment criterion is always to pose the question to oneself — would you feel happy letting your mother live there? After reading her two part series of articles, one is inclined to answer in the affirmative.

I am impressed by the concepts involved in this progressive-oriented approach by the fashioners and administrators of the envisioned complex of a self-contained community for an elder citizenry. It will be geared to accommodate a large number of persons who are at present not ready for total institutional care.

Despite the aforementioned accolades, I feel there is more to be written and more comments to be made. I realize that the report in **The CJN** is only part of the story. One, however, does get the impression from the articles that the main "selling points" of the project, which runs into the millions, is its physical layout, its accoutrements, its facilities for programing. When we speak of elderly persons, we mean persons 65 years of age and over. This dividing line is somewhat arbitrary, because age is not an accurate indication of housing needs.

Aging has been defined as loss of capacity for mastery. Since all systematic studies show that the aging prefer some form of independent living, the older person has a right to expect those community services that will enable him to retain mastery as long as humanly possible. Such services would, of course, include the religious group reinforcing the spiritual values of the older members. In this context more should be said about the Jewishness of the project.

No elaboration is made by your reporter regarding Kashruth, shabbat, shul services, minyan, Jewish experiential programs (Chanukah, Pesach, Israel Independence Day, etc...)

Rabbi Dr. Simon L. Eckstein

Is there an adequate psychological disbursement to the elderly residents? Individual and group psychotherapy will naturally constitute a portion of the services that can be offered. There are also situations that may well require the assessment capacity of the psychologist in determining the functioning level of the elderly individual in such areas as self care, instrumental activities of daily living and social behavior.

One of the dangers of living in one of the growing number of gerontopolises is the degree of isolation it represents.

In this context I can't stress too strongly my conviction that the residents be actively involved with work for worthy causes in the broad matrix of Toronto Jewry's welfare. More dedicated and unselfish "labors of love" for needs outside Baycrest will add more self-respect and more of a sense of usefulness than all the arts and crafts, golf, and pingpong activities. It is only by dint of unselfish work for others that older people will not be "turned off" psychologically to life.

The community at large must not hesitate to call upon the Baycrest "community family" to join in campaigns for Jewish education, Israel's security, Russian Jewry etc. Such involvements will give the aged a sense of reciprocity, i.e. a recognition that their help is needed, their opinion wanted, their life experiences appreciated.

If it is at all possible I would suggest that a number of resident counsellors become part of Baycrest. I have in mind individuals who have the personal experience of bereavement and loss of friends, and whose role in a home for the elderly could be that of friendship. The tragedy of growing old is an awareness of uselessness. Working for and with the elderly can remove for both worker and recipient the phobia that retirement at age 65 and that residence – complexes for senior citizens are the "end of the road."

I humbly suggest that in further publicity more emphases be given to the assets of Baycrest over and above the "edifice complex." The heart of the matter, in my opinion, is simply this: no matter what the solution, old people must be made to feel that they are still contributing members of a society which considers them assets rather than liabilities.

Dr. Simon L. Eckstein.
Ottawa.

Dr. Eckstein is the rabbi of Congregation Beth Shalom in Ottawa and is chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress Committee on Aging.

Dear Editor:

Regarding the picture of Sergio Molcho serving up some pizza with a dangling cigarette in his mouth in **CJN** of Oct. 17, I should hate to have any food served like that.

Zta Bless,
Toronto.

Dear Editor:

On behalf of Centre Shelanu, I would like to use this opportunity to thank Rabbi Gottesman and his wife for enabling our adolescents and staff to fully enjoy Succoth this year. Because of them, it was truly 'Zeman Simhatenu' — a season of joy.

It was they who took the initiative in lending our centre a succah so that our youngsters — many of them who have never enjoyed a succah before — could share in and be part of the mitzvah of "dwelling in a succah."

This is truly a sign of one's interest in basic tchanuch of our entire Jewish population. To both of you, Rabbi and Mrs. Gottesman, we at Centre Shelanu are grateful.

Edwin Schild,
Director of School Services,
Centre Shelanu,
Toronto.

Dear Editor:

Recently, a monument dedicated to the late Faiga Bresver, was unveiled. I think it is unfortunate that so few people in Eastern Canada, particularly of the present generation, are aware of her background.

Faiga Bresver (the original spelling of Berezever was changed to read phonetically by some long-forgotten schoolteacher and continued to be used by the family to the present day) came to Canada around 1919-20. Her husband was spiritual leader of the struggling Jewish community in Hirsch, Sask.

From the very beginning, she was a source of comfort and represented a "sense of home" to the Jewish settlers scattered throughout the barren prairies. Her open-door policy to strangers and friends alike, became known throughout the West.

It became the accepted pattern, many nights, to hear a knock on the door and her children would give up their beds for a stranger. This was true during the week, and certainly on the Sabbath and festivals.

Her recollections of those days included stories of the many times — in the bitter cold of the prairie winter — the late Samuel Bronfman and his brother, after leaving their horse and wagon in the primitive shelter behind the house, would relax and literally thaw out beside her wood-burning stove in her welcoming kitchen, enjoying the food which always seemed to stretch to feed one or two more, in addition to her own growing young family.

As the Jewish population in the prairies increased, the family moved along with the population growth. Estevan, Melville, Moose Jaw, Regina, — all names familiar to us now, but with the exception of the last-named, all small oases of Judaism in the non-Jewish prairies, at that time.

When the family moved to Toronto, although she was no longer the wife of the spiritual leader of a community, her dedication to others, in addition to her own young family continued. She was an involved member of the Shaw Street Synagogue Women's League, a volunteer worker at The Mount Sinai Hospital on Yorkville Avenue, and the Jewish Home for the Aged on Cecil Street, as well as being a member of the Hadassah Organization. When the new, larger buildings for the hospital and the Home became a reality, she continued her volunteer work until it became too difficult for her.

She was a member of the Beth Emeth Synagogue almost from the time of its inception. Although she did not seek "kovud" or recognition, her children wanted her to have a tangible recognition of her lifetime dedication to others, for her to see during her lifetime. In her honor, they furnished a room in the synagogue bearing her name.

In addition to the good name she left behind, she fulfiled her responsibility as a mother — par excellence, and as a human being to the highest degree. She will not be forgotten.

Betty Pelly,
Downsview.

Dear Editor:

I am opposed to the admission of PLO terrorists to Canada to attend Habitat UN Conference on Human Settlement. The admission of terrorists is contrary to Canadian laws and they should not be admitted. Canada must take a moral stand even if its unpopular.

I wish Canada would more wisely spend the taxpayers millions of dollars it will spend on this conference to discuss Canadian housing — which needs thought and discussion.

Let us do more to improve Canadian housing before we study housing in Mr. Amin's Uganda.

B. Grossman,
Toronto.

The Canadian Jewish News enjoys receiving letters from its readers. However, we urge our readers to keep letters as brief as possible. All letters are subject to editing if they run on too long.

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

As part of its program to be involved in smaller communities outside the Metro Toronto area, the community services committee of Congress, Central Region, has arranged a forum on the topic **A Sense of Community** for Sunday, Nov. 2, at 8 p.m. The meeting is being hosted by Beth El Congregation of Oakville for guests from that area, as well as Burlington, Mississauga, and other points west of Toronto. The program will open with the National Film Board's **The People of the Book,** followed by a discussion led by Beth El president Alan Powell and Congress community services chairman Lou Kirshenbaum.

A TASTE OF YIDDISH

The Yiddish Renascence Theatre is presenting another concert this Wednesday, Nov. 5. It is a variety-type show called **A Taste of Yiddish [A Yiddisher Tam],** starring, among others, actress-folk singer Chayele Luxenburg, violinist Arkady Shindelman and monologist Irving (Itshe) Roth. **The CJN**'s own music critic Rick Kardonne, is musical director, and Ben Clodman will be the M.C. This show is a special benefit (the group is a non-profit organization) to raise funds for their next production. The artists are donating their talents, and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue is providing the premises. Showtime is 8:30 p.m.

ORT MEMBERSHIP DAY

The invitation to Toronto Women's ORT membership day reads, "an elegant affair in an elegant setting." Since the "do" is at the home of past president Dorothy Shoichet, it promises to be just that! The meeting is for new members and present members who are bringing new members. Guest speaker Joseph Harmatz, director general of ORT in Israel, will talk about youth in Israel. Another highlight is the fashion show of clothes made and created by students of the ORT school of design in Israel, with **Maclean**'s magazine associate editor Edie Frankel as the commentator.

YIDDISH ANYONE?

If you are interested in learning Yiddish there are lots of courses being given in the Toronto area. For instance — The Jewish Student Federation at York University is sponsoring two courses with teacher Samuel Simchovitch, on Mondays 1-2 p.m. for beginners and 2-3 p.m. for intermediates, at 111 McLaughlin College. Call the JSF office for information... The northern 'Y' is also running two courses — beginners on Wednesdays and intermediates on Thursdays, both at 8 p.m., with teacher Laybl Basman. This is run in co-operation with the Congress Committee for Yiddish. To register, call the northern 'Y'... Another course for beginners is being sponsored by the Workmen's Circle on Wednesdays at 8 p.m., at 648 Finch Ave., East, Suite 4, also with Mr. Simchovitch. For information, the number is 787-2081.

BOWL-A-THON A SUCCESS

About $3,000 was raised at a bowl-a-thon run by Eglinton Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women recently, with newly-appointed Ontario Attorney General Roy McMurtry on hand to cheer on the more than 60 bowlers. The Playtime Bowl, an annual event, was chaired by Mynne Sugar. Funds go to BB, Women local projects and to their Canada Group House and Children's Home in Israel.

AT THE MUSEUM

The Sunday Night at the Museum program of the Beth Tzedec Museum is offering the second lecture this Sunday, Nov. 2, at 8 p.m. The topic, **Jewish Chinese Artifacts,** will be covered by Victor Topper, a well-known Toronto collector who is an authority on the subject.

SATURDAY — ON THE TOWN

Looking for something to do this Saturday evening, Nov. 1? Well — Leora Chapter of B'nai B'rith Women is having their Art Auction '75 at Adath Israel Synagogue. Preview showing is at 7 p.m. and the auction begins at 8... A Casino Royale, complete with games, dessert buffet and play money, is being held by Benyamina Chapter of Toronto Women's ORT. Fun begins at 8:30 p.m. at Hotel Triumph, Keele Street... An evening of arts and crafts, featuring paintings, lithographs, macrame and pottery (plus wine and cheese) is being presented by B'not Israel Study Branch of the National Council of Jewish Women. It takes place at 47 Covewood St., in the Bayview-Steeles area. The time is 8-10:30 p.m.

BAZAAR BARGAINS

Arts and crafts, a thrift shop, games and a cafe are just some of the goodies you will find at the Pride of Israel Sisterhood's bazaar and auction sale this Sunday, the 2nd. Doors are open from noon to midnight at the synagogue.

WOMEN AND POLITICS

A reminder that Tuesday, Nov. 4, is the date of the all-day seminar, **Women in the Political Process,** set up by Holy Blossom Temple Sisterhood, featuring women who are really in the "know" — MP Flora MacDonald, North York Controller Barbara Greene, Liberal Party caucus researcher June Rowlands, and journalist June Callwood

LZA HAPPENINGS

At the breakfast meeting of Frontier Branch 513, this Sunday, Nov. 2, Dr. Sydney Wax, national president of the Labor Zionist Movement, will discuss **Will the Interim Agreement Between Israel and Egypt Lead to Peace?** The time is 9:30 a.m... Then on Tuesday, the 4th, at 8:30 p.m., Ben Kayfetz, executive director of Congress, Central Region, will speak about **Chaim Zhitlovski — An Evaluation of His Influence.**

SPECIAL ONEG SHABBAT

A special student and faculty Oneg Shabbat is being held by Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue Friday, Nov. 7, at 8:15 p.m. The event is planned in conjunction with the Canadian Friends of Bar Ilan University and the guest speaker is Dr. Charles Liebman, chairman of the university's political studies department. Dr. Liebman will also be addressing the entire congregation Saturday at 3:30 p.m.

DANISH CONSUL TO SPEAK

The Danish consul and trade commissioner, Lief Donde, is to be the guest speaker at B'nai Israel Beth David Congregation's induction service for new members on Friday, Nov. 7, at 8:15 p.m.

Display shows involvement in world wars

TORONTO —

During the month of November, the Beth Tzedec Museum will display pictures, documents and memorabilia testifying to the unique versatility of Jewish involvement in battling for life and liberty. The impact is local, national and international.

A photograph of Gen. Allenby and local veterans at Goel Tzedec evokes memories of the Jewish Brigade's triumphant entry into Jerusalem during World War I.

Gen. Monash's portrait recalls the prestigious career of the Jewish commander-in-chief of the Anzac forces. Memories of the valor of early Israeli settlers will be revived by a picture of Gen. Wingate, whose leadership and inspiration created the early defence units, such as the Haganah.

Visitors will marvel at the ingenuity of the resistance movements in France against the Nazis. Other displays will help to depict stories of the participations of individuals and organizations.

Two publications of Canadian Jewish Congress include exploits and achievements of local people. One is entitled **Jewish Canadians in World War II — Decorations.** Some 200 Jewish Canadians were decorated.

The other volume is **Casualties,** concerning the eight hundred of our Jewish youth who made the supreme sacrifice in World War II.

Altogether, 17,000 Jewish men and women served in Canada's armed forces. In Ottawa, Stratford, London and 28 other communities, every eligible Jew enlisted.

Items are still being offered for the November display. Visitors will be welcomed from 2-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays; Saturdays, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Fridays and Sundays — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Berta Ovnat (centre), wife of the Israeli consul in Toronto, congratulates Mrs. Jack Buchman, one of three recipients of Israel Bonds Prime Ministers Club Diamond Trustee Award. Looking on (from left) are Mrs. Donald Lipman, Bonds Women's Division chairman, and other recipients, Mrs. Herb Green and Mrs. John Daniels.

Three Toronto women are first recipients of Israel Bonds Diamond Trustee awards

TORONTO —

Three Toronto women members of the Israel Prime Minister's Club, became the first recipients of the Israel Bond Diamond Trustee Awards at an investiture at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Mrs. Shmuel Ovnat, wife of the consul-general of Israel to Toronto, presented the awards to Mrs. Jack Buchman, Mrs. John Daniels and Mrs. Herb Green at a special ceremony during the "All-Israel Fashion Festival presented that evening by the Women's Division, Toronto State of Israel Bonds.

Members of the Israel Prime Minister's Club are leading supporters of the international Bond program to strengthen Israel's economy through their purchases of $25,000 or more in bonds annually. Toronto ranks as one of the foremost communities on the continent for the number of women enrolled as trustees in their own right, with purchases of $10,000 or more in bonds.

Among trustee women receiving awards on Oct. 21 were Mrs. Sydney Cooper, Mrs. Arnold Friedman, Mrs. Donald Lipman, Mrs. Marvin Mandell, Mrs. Annie Nightingale, Mrs. Sam Sarick, and Mrs. Ben Walker.

Boys Town hosts computer expert

TORONTO —

Isaac L. Auerbach, international lecturer and renowned computer systems expert, will be in Toronto on Wednesday, Nov. 5, as guest of Canadian Friends of Boys Town Jerusalem.

Auerbach, architect of the unique computer centre at Boys Town, will report on how this centre will affect the educational system in Israel and act as a worldwide model for institutions in other nations.

Boys Town is known for its many 'firsts' in inventive and comprehensive approaches to education. With the installation of the PDP11/45 Computer in September, all the technical schools that make up the Boys Town complex were encompassed in a new system of education. (An international conference on computers in education will be held at Boys Town in the spring of 1976.)

A leader in the Philadelphia Jewish community, Auerbach leads a group of companies that are internationally known as information system architects.

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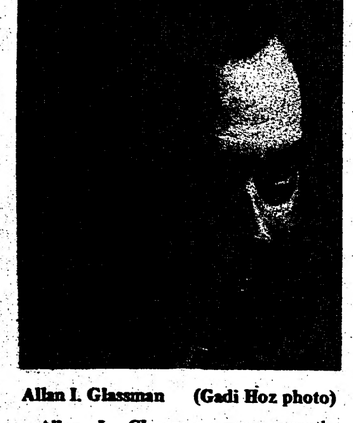

Allan I. Glassman (Gadi Hoz photo)

Allan I. Glassman was recently appointed Toronto president of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University. Being a president is certainly nothing new to the 44-year-old Toronto businessman — he also heads up Men's ORT in Ontario and served, at one time or another, as president of Aaron Hart Lodge of B'nai B'rith and Toronto's Jewish Camp Council. In addition to all that, Mr. Glassman is a member of the board of directors of the Welfare Fund.

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A rather unique birth notice came to this desk last week. It reads — "Toronto Section, National Council of Jewish Women, announces with great pleasure the birth of a daughter to **Tsilia and Sender Levenson** (Prisoner of Conscience), Kishinev, USSR. May this Jewish child bring naches and re-unite a separated family in the land of Israel." To fill you in, Tsilia was one of the singers of the Rosh Hashanah message that came from the activist group in Kishinev. Her husband, Sender, is now serving a six-year term. She has been unable to get permission to emigrate to Israel with her children (they also have a four-year-old son) and of course her plight is serious as she no means of support now that her husband is in prison.

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Dance authority **Teme Kernerman** and religious school director **Roslyn Garber** share the spotlight in the first show of a new TV series called **Jewish Folk Art in Toronto.** The series, airing on alternate Thursdays at 9:30 p.m. on Keeble Cable's Channel 10, will focus on Jewish talent and culture. This first program, scheduled for Nov. 6, takes a look at Jewish folk dance in Toronto, from school age to professional level. Hence the appearance of Mrs. Garber, who is director of Temple Emanu-El's religious school, and Mrs. Kernerman, a 'Y' staffer, who also directs the semi-professional dance troupe, the Nirkoda Israeli Dancers.

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It would seem that November is a month of special honors for **Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut.** As everyone knows, he is the Negev Dinner honoree on the 26th. But before that, this Sunday, Nov. 2, the Holy Blossom rabbi will be in Montreal to be honored by the Synagogue Council of Greater Montreal. The tribute is in recognition of his leadership as the immediate past chairman of the National Religious Affairs Committee of Congress. It will take place at a breakfast meeting at Beth El Congregation with the synagogue's Men's Club hosting the breakfast part.

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Cec Linder has joined the cast of regulars in CBC-TV's **House of Pride.** The Toronto actor enters the scene as Andrew Pride in the half-hour drama serial now into its second season.

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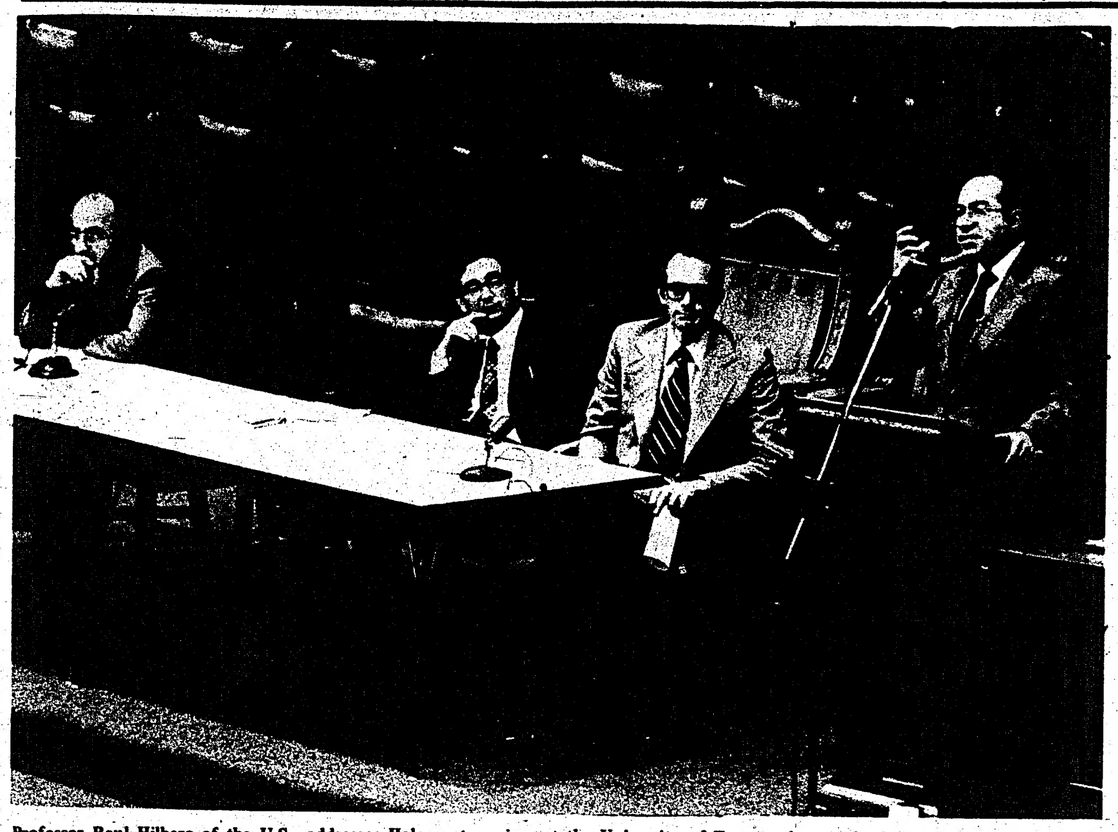

Professor Raul Hilberg of the U.S., addresses Holocaust seminar at the University of Toronto last week. Others from left are Prof. Emil Fackenheim of Toronto; Yehuda Bauer of Israel and John Evans, president of the University of Toronto. (Groskind photo)

Ingredients leading to Holocaust still present in Western society

By Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The psychological and institutional elements that led to the death of six million Jews during the Holocaust are still present in Western civilization.

This was the startling and bleak message conveyed to a University of Toronto audience here last week at a conference symposium by an internationally noted authority on the Holocaust, Prof. Yehuda Bauer of Israel.

Bauer, one of three panelists who addressed themselves to the topic of "The Holocaust: Its Place In History Today," told a hushed crowd of some 700 at Convocation Hall that the ingredients which contributed to the Holocaust — age-old hatred of Jewry, sophisticated technology and a frighteningly massive bureaucracy — endanger not only Jews, but other minorities throughout the world.

"My reluctant conclusion is that we're still living in the 'Holocaust Kingdom'," he said, referring to the phrase coined by writer Alexander Donat to describe the eerie, unreal world of roundups and wholesale slaughter of innocent human beings.

Bauer, chairman of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, warned that the Holocaust "is not a matter of the past," adding we are living "in a period which has made holocausts possible."

Jews, he asserted in a dramatic voice that alternately rose and fell, are more vulnerable than others, yet they are not the only ones threatened by mass murder. "What happened to us should be taken note of very, very carefully," he declared.

Like his colleagues on the panel — Profs. Raul Hilberg and Emil Fackenheim — Bauer admitted to being puzzled and mystified at how "murderous words and intentions" could have been translated into the killing of millions of Jews and non-Jews alike.

Analysing the phenomenon of Jew hatred, Bauer said anti-Semitism is a cultural aberration embedded in the Western world. It is a thesis, he stressed, that can be proved by documentary evidence.

Calling anti-Semitism a "cancerous growth in Gentile society," Bauer said Jew hatred is directed against the very existence of Jews as a people and not necessarily against any of their activities.

Dr. John Evans, moderator, and president of the University of Toronto, earlier alluded to the same question when he noted that the non-Jewish world has yet to comprehend the meaning of the Holocaust while the Jewish world is still striving to understand it. At the close of the evening program, he said the Holocaust is a reminder of the character weaknesses in society.

Prof. Fackenheim, of the university's philosophy department, agreed with his colleagues by saying that the depth of the Holocaust has not been absorbed by history. He said that if man forgets the Holocaust "the effect will be darkness."

A renowned philosopher, the German-born Fackenheim attempted to come to conclusions as to how and why the Holocaust occurred.

He related that the Nazis were "true believers full of passion," opposed by people bereft of passion. The true believers, he continued, were joined by efficient bureaucrats who had the power to decree who was human and who was not human, and to proclaim who had a right to live and who did not. Laws were enacted, and petty robbers and thieves joined the swelling ranks of the Nazis.

Addressing himself to the antecedents of the Holocaust, Fackenheim traced the development of anti-Semitism in the 19th century. Radical anti-Semites hated the Jews because they were the supposed moneybags; conservative anti-Semites dispised the Jews because they were the alleged radicals; liberal anti-Semites scorned the Jews because they were said to be clannish and alien.

Fackenheim, comparing the Nazis with the Spanish Inquisitionists, said the latter were lovable in contrast. "At least they did it to save Jewish souls; the Nazis wanted to destroy Jewish souls."

The third panelist, Raul Hilberg, author of the definitive book, **The Destruction of the European Jews,** reminded the audience that the frightening thing about the Holocaust was that it was accomplished with all the tools and accoutrements Western civilization had developed over the centuries.

In a low, almost inaudible voice, Hilberg said one of the shocking aspects of the Holocaust was that the Germans who participated in it actually thought of themselves as decent human beings rather than as beasts. "They were secure in the knowledge that their normal life was continuing," he said.

Their reactions to the killings pose a special problem to Western civilization, the University of Vermont political science professor said.

Hilberg said the Holocaust was a profound event not simply because of the numbers slaughtered, but also because "we still cannot grasp the mind that produced this act."

In the question-and-answer period, Fackenheim said no one can sit in judgment of the victims who did not fight back. Rather, he emphasized, detractors should ask why the resistors resisted. The victims, the innocent ones who could not believe what was happening, must be approached with an attitude of reverance, he said.

Bauer said that, within the context of the Holocaust, armed resistance is tremendously important but in actuality a marginal issue. He disclosed that armed resistance was more widespread than is commonly believed but warned that it did not occur as often as some romantics wish to think.

But it was left to Fackenheim to sum up the evening: "After the Holocaust, religious man has trouble with God and secular man trouble with man."

The conference was sponsored by the Joseph and Gertie Schwartz Memorial Lectures.

Women's League to convene session

TORONTO — In an unprecedented step "designed to reach more of our women leaders in outlying localities to make an impact on the depth of their Jewishness, and to ensure the Jewish survival of their families," the national board of The Women's League for Conservative Judaism, largest women's synagogue organization in the world, will hold an extraordinary session next week here. It is in conjunction with a broader conference to which 300 specially - selected Canadian women, synagogue and sisterhood leaders, will be invited.

The two days of sessions on Nov. 5 and 6, in which 200 national and regional leaders of the international organization, coming from within a radius of 500 miles of Toronto will also participate, will be held at the Adath Israel Synagogue and Yorkdale Holiday Inn.

Dr. Gerson D. Cohen, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, fountainhead of Conservative Judaism in the world, will address the women leaders on the role of the home and the synagogue in the strengthening of Judaism.

New approaches to adult Jewish education will also be treated in depth, and at a major session of the conference, the delegates will respond to a presentation by J.B. Salsberg, dealing with national and international issues of current Jewish concern.

Local arrangements are being handled by Mrs. Joseph Bass, Ontario branch president, and Mrs. Louis Spring, of Downsview.

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Oct. 31– Nov. 28	Jewish Book Month, "Around the World with Jewish Books," co-ordinated by the Toronto Jewish Book Committee affiliated with Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region.
Nov. 1	Beth Tzedec Cong., "Jews and the Best Sellers," Julius Hayman, lecturer, 1700 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Beth Tzedec Cong., Sunday Nights in the Museum, "The Chinese Jews," Victor Topper, lecturer, 1700 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Adath Israel Cong., "The Politics of the Middle East Since 1947," Prof. Eugene Rothman (Ottawa), lecturer, 37 Southbourne Ave., 9 p.m.
Nov. 4	Labor Zionist Alliance, "Chaim Zhitlovsky", Ben Kayfetz, speaker, 14 Viewmount Ave., 8:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	Adath Israel Cong., "Our Jewish Future," Chancellor Gershon D. Cohen, (New York), 37 Southbourne Ave., 8:30 p.m.
Nov. 9	Beth Tzedec Cong., "The Rise and Fall of Jewish Radicals" at 4 p.m., "Will Judaism Survive the 20th Century" at 8:30 p.m., Milton Himmelfarb (New York) guest speaker, 1700 Bathurst St.
Nov. 9	Labor Zionist Alliance, "The Importance of Reading Jewish Books In our Days," Joshua Altman, lecturer, 14 Viewmount Ave., 8:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	Canadian Jewish Congress, T'Nach Study Group "Amos – Chapters 2 and 3," Dr. I. Cass, lecturer, Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Nov. 10	Adath Israel Cong., "Israel and Its Minorities," Yosef Yaacov (Ottawa), lecturer, 37 Southbourne Ave., 9 p.m.
Nov. 14	Holy Blossom Temple, Concert of Folk Music From Spain, with R. Feuerstein, Cantor Merel and J. Dowden, 1950 Bathurst St., 8:25 p.m.
Nov. 16	Board of Jewish Education "A Sociologist Looks at Jewish Education," Dr. Marshall Sklare (Brandeis U.), 788 Marlee Ave., 8:15 p.m.
Nov. 18	Adath Israel Cong., "Canada and Israel," Meyer Bick (Montreal), lecturer, 37 Southbourne Ave., 9 p.m.
Nov. 18	Labor Zionist Alliance "The Ludmere Moyd: The Only Woman Leader of the Chassidic World," Dr. A. Nussbaum, lecturer, 14 Viewmount Ave., 8:30 p.m.
Nov. 19– Nov. 22	Hebrew and Jewish Book Exhibition, under the auspices of the Toronto Jewish Book Committee, at Shaarei Tefillah Cong., 3600 Bathurst St., between 2–4 p.m. and 7–10 p.m.
Nov. 19	Toronto Jewish Book Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, An Evening of Reading–Recital, in English and Yiddish "Gems of Yiddish Literature," with Leybel Basman, Edith Birnbaum, Nathan Garnick, Morley Pape and Irving Siegal, at Shaarei Tefillah Cong., 3600 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m.
Nov. 20	Jewish Public Library, "Jewish Dimensions in My Poetry," Prof. I. Layton, Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Nov. 20	Beth Tzedec Cong., "Military Situation in the Mid-East After The Israeli–Egyptian Agreement," J. Gelner, Military Analyst, 1700 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m.
Nov. 21– Nov. 23	Shaarei Shomayim "Great Weekend" with Rabbi Israel Klaven (New York) 470 Glencairn Ave. (for additional information call Synagogue, 789-3213).
Nov. 23	Holy Blossom Temple, "The Jewish Quest for the Historical Jesus," Prof. Michael Cook (H.U.C.), 1950 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Nov. 24	Canadian Jewish Congress, T'Nach Study Group, "Amos – Chapters 4 and 5," Robert Eisen, Q.C., lecturer, Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.
Nov. 25	Adath Israel Cong., "Shalom Al Yisrael – Is It Possible?", Prof. J. Stein (McGill), 37 Southbourne Ave., 9 p.m.
Nov. 27	Jewish Public Library and Shaarei Shomayim - "Shtetl – Reminiscenses (Were Those Golden Years Really Golden?)," Symposium with panelists Rabbis M. Burak and B. Baskin and Prof. I. Singer, Moderator Rabbi H. Hoschander, 470 Glencairn Ave., 8 p.m.
Nov. 29	Yiddish Culture Council "An Evening Dedicated to Jewish Books and Authors," 471 Lawrence Ave. West, 8:30 p.m.
Nov. 30	Zionist Revisionist Org., "Israeli Chassidic Festival," at Beth Tzedec Cong., 1700 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m.

The Egyptian-Israeli agreement 'guarantees a period of peace'

By Jo Mira Clodman

OTTAWA — The Egyptian-Israeli agreement reached in September "guarantees us a period of non-hostilities," says Prof. Itamar Rabinovich, chairman of the department of Middle Eastern and African history at Tel Aviv University.

The present peace will last at least for the next few months, he suggested, although not necessarily for the full three year period promised in the accord.

Rabinovich proposed that the period of peace should be coupled with a second agreement with Syria. "I believe that it is possible," he told almost 200 people at Ottawa's Jewish Community Centre recently.

Attempts at this point to fashion an overall settlement "would lend to another deadlock," he said. American Secretary of State Henry Kissinger instead should press for more partial settlements, resulting in a period of stabilization "that eventually could lead to settlement," he said.

The September agreement "sharpens division in the Arab world," he said. An official spokesman of the Egyptian government, recently visiting Canada, was "guarded very closely by RCMP," he noted, primarily "against the radical fringe of the PLO."

Currently the military balance of forces clearly is in Israel's favor, and Egypt realizes that another war could demolish what it has achieved, he says. If war occurs Egypt may stand by the agreement, but "every intelligent policy planner would have to assume that Egypt would participate," he pointed out.

Rabinovich stressed that in the future Israel should rely less on American guarantees. As a result of the agreement, "Israel's dependence on the U.S. has dramatically increased," he declared, for both oil supplies and economic aid.

At a time when New York is going broke, Congress not surprisingly is "locked in a battle over American foreign policy," he said.

The Egyptian-Israeli agreement also raises Soviet misapprehensions about the curtailment of its influence, suggested Rabinovich. The Soviets consequently "can and are" trying to strengthen alliances with other Arab groups, he warned.

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's sincerity should be recognized when he says that a real peace with Israel is something for the next generation, not ours, Rabinovich urged.

Rabinovich is winding up a year in Canada as visiting professor at Carleton University's School of International Affairs.

Toronto teen among those founding Reform kibbutz

voice of youth

By JEFFREY LIPSITZ

The 30 North American members of Garin Arava (founding members of the kibbutz) hope that within a few years there will be an entire community living at Nachal Yaelon, at Kilometre 109 of the Arava crossroads-Eilat road, approximately 30 miles north of Eilat. It is now known as "the last inhabitable wilderness (in Israel's Arava desert on the border with Jordan) left undeveloped within the pre-1967 borders of Israel."

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The history of the Garin was explained by Jeff Climans, 16, of Toronto. He is the only Canadian among the 30 North Americans (and hopes to find others to join him). Jeff plans to go on aliyah next summer.

In 1970, Reform rabbinic leaders met with kibbutz movement leaders at the first "Oranim" conference. It became evident that the aims of both groups would be furthered by the establishment of a Reform Jewish kibbutz.

Thus the decision was made to form a Garin for a kibbutz through Nahal, the kibbutz branch of the Israel defence forces, so that upon completion of military service one could join (or return to) the kibbutz and help in its establishment and development.

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At present there are four such Garinim in existence (of which Garin Arava is one).

The motto of Garin Arava, from Isaiah, is "Clear ye in the wilderness the way of the Lord." And "the call now goes out to Reform Jewish youth to join us in this pioneer venture," explains Jeff.

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Prof. Marshall McLuhan (left) chats with Haim Ben-Shahar, president of Tel Aviv University, at a reception at home of Mrs. Ayala Zacks of Toronto. Prof. McLuhan is the director of the Centre of Culture and Technology at the University of Toronto. Ben-Shahar is on a North American tour.

Stereotype of volunteer needs altering: NCJW

TORONTO —

If there is any misconception of the woman volunteer in this community that needs changing it is the impression that she is a rich, idle, do-gooder — a middle age Jewish princess.

It is this stereotype that the National Council of Jewish Women, and its president Dorothy Reitman, desire most to eradicate. The council, she and her vice-presidents emphasized in a recent informal discussion, tries to cut across all age and socio-economic levels.

It has involved the poor, the elderly, the young professional woman in its activities and its programs to strengthen family life and citizen participation reflect contemporary needs, its leaders say.

Because of fund-raising activities, says Mrs. Reitman, the affluent women become the most visible sector in the volunteer organization. It is they who tend to be identified with the group's image. In a distorted perspective, the glamorous side of volunteerism is often projected, she and her colleagues commented following a national executive meeting held here recently.

The NCJW, with 4,500 members in 10 cities across Canada, is not just fancy teas, auctions and gala balls, its leadership stresses. Council's guidelines are geared to lofty ideals: "an integrated program of education, service and social action...dedicated to furthering human welfare in the Jewish and general communities, locally, nationally and internationally."

The women have managed to translate these goals on paper into reality. Although, as Mrs. Reitman will attest, the council has been charged with ignoring Jewish communal insterests, it has instituted several innovative programs in this regard.

A new pilot project initiated this month will offer an "outreach" program to Toronto's Russian immigrants. The program has established a drop-in centre located at Council House to assist in acclimatizing newcomers to their social community. Working in co-operation with Jewish Vocational Service and Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, the informal centre, open two evenings a week, provides counselling services by Russian speaking assistants and a volunteer corps from B'nai B'rith's Upper Canada Lodge.

Several activities illustrate the importance of education to the NCJW in preserving Jewish culture and family life and in broadening the role of the volunteer. Current projects include:

— "Prejudice in Textbooks," a program to collect resource material for educators;

— "The Learner's Box," an aid for public school teachers illustrating Jewish culture and religion;

— a certificate course for volunteers at community colleges in Toronto and Montreal and

— "Focus: The Family Circle," a forum for Toronto women centring on the Jewish woman and her family.

The textbook program marks the first time the federal government has recognized the need for research in this field. They have awarded a $3,600 grant to the NCJW to establish a research centre in Toronto to catalogue data and reference material for Canadian educators.

Other council innovations in the educational sphere include two scholarship programs: The Irene Samuels award offered to young women who have shown the desire to pursue a career in Jewish education and a grant to a mature person, over 45, wishing to resume formal education.

The NCJW, maintaining links with Israel, sponsors a family counselling association there which meets the needs of troubled families, while acting as a training centre for social work students. The Tel Aviv centre treated 802 family groups during 1974.

Many of the council's branch operations reflect the needs expressed by their members for day care, study groups and services for the elderly and leadership programs for its disadvantaged women.

The next annual meeting of the NCJW will be held in Ottawa, June 6-10, 1976.

Montreal 'Y' membership swells as association enters 66th season

By KATHLEEN KENNA

MONTREAL —

The YM-YWHA of Montreal had good reason to celebrate at its special 65th annual meeting recently.

Executive reports indicated that 1975 has been an exceptional year for the association, with membership swelling to an unprecendented 23,463. It was also noted that this increase had caused an overflow in many association programs and had brought membership income and contributions in the past year to $910,328.

It was also an evening of honor and recognition at the Snowdon 'Y'. More than 50 people attended the dinner preceding the meeting and gathered in the auditorium to hear association executives, past and present, who had come to honor their fellow members and be honored.

A special award from the association's twin 'Y' in Jerusalem was presented by Sidney Benduiz who represented a group of young people that had visited there this past summer. The inscription on the ornate silver ornament was, "Let this Torah be a link between the members of the Montreal YM-YWHA and the Jerusalem YM-YWHA."

A specially-designed plaque from the Montreal 'Y' will be presented to the Jerusalem association by past president Harvey Golden, who leaves for Israel this month.

Morton Bloomberg accepted the distinguished Norah and Joe Rubin Leadership award "in recognition of notable leadership in providing 'Y' services to the community."

A member of the 'Y' since pre-school days, Bloomberg has served on many organization committees and now chairs the Snowdon management.

The association welcomed its new executive, with Howard Cooper replacing Manuel Shacter as president. Alvin Kerman was elected first vice-president and will be assisted by vice-presidents Harry Crairmer, Sheila Finestone, Stephie Halton and Norman Specter. Lyon Cohen will continue as treasurer, being joined by new secretaries Maureen Garfinkle and Edward Spiegel.

The new board of directors with a two-year term were also introduced to the association.

Association members Mrs. Clarence Vosberg, Dave Shalinsky and Harvey Golden were declared honorary presidents. Sol Pomerance, long involved in public relations for the 'Y', was honored with a certificate of special recognition.

Outgoing president Manuel Shacter struck the only cautionary note of the evening when he advised members that the association must strive to retain its financial independence in the face of rising inflation if it is to continue as the "biggest self-supporting community centre of its kind in North America."

He also added that efforts would need to be made in the coming year to upgrade much-needed 'Y' facilities for the francophone community.

'Laws regarding family, marriage require changes'

By NANCY SCHWARTZ

TORONTO —

If Halacha is to be taken seriously, it must be applied to all areas of life, not just to women and children, according to a York University sociology professor.

Speaking to 75 people at a panel discussion on **Halacha and Contemporary Women,** Prof. Marcia Effrat said that "rabbinic tradition has always tried to reassess the laws, but changes in the areas of marriage and family are slow in coming.

Prof. Effrat stated she was dismayed that people are disregarding Halacha, and added that "unless the rabbinate can better educate people on the value of mitzvot, we will probably have very few Halachic marriages."

"Women must put pressure on rabbis to change the laws by means of Halacha — we can't solve problems after the fact, we should solve them before they arrive," she said.

Another panelist, Rabbi Meyer Berglas of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, commented: "We have the distorted image that Jewish law is harsh, we dwell on problems that affect a small minority, and blow them out of proportion."

The rabbi cited the situation in King David's time, when men wrote divorces before leaving for war. "If they didn't return after a certain time, or were missing in action, their wives were considered divorced within Jewish law." He stressed that this practice was abolished and wouldn't work now.

"If we begin with the conviction that Halacha is feasible in our time, we can solve our problems," he said.

The third panelist, Mrs. Libby Garshowitz, who lectures in Near Eastern studies at the University of Toronto, agreed that Halacha has always changed when Jewish society deemed it necessary.

"There's no doubt in my mind that Judaism could not have survived without specific changes within Halacha," she said.

The program, sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, was held at the BBYO house, and was the first in a series on the Jewish Woman and the law.

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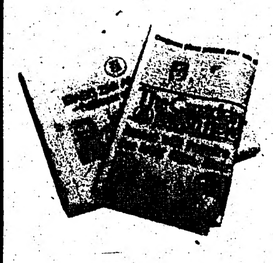

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'Hebrew schools are where children learn ABC's of decency'

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

In a society of shifting values experiencing revolutionary technological changes, the school must be dedicated to preserving morality and ethical life. Such is the opinion of Rabbi Akiva Egozi, the new education director for the Associated Hebrew Schools.

"The Hebrew school is not a mere locale where Hebrew and other subjects are taught. It is where children learn the ABC's of human decency, where they learn about equality and justice," explains Rabbi Egozi, an educator with 30 years experience.

Sitting in his sparsely furnished new office at the Bathurst-Finch branch, Rabbi Egozi, 51, soft-spoken but confident, talked about his educational philosophy, his ethical convictions and his new obligations as co-ordinator for North America's largest Hebrew day school. A bell rings and the sound of young voices rise in the wide hallway outside his door.

"As we accelerate our scientific training, we must not forget the all-important goal of developing the moral fibre and ethical consciousness of our children," he says earnestly.

Responsible for both the English and Hebrew curricula for the 2,600 pupils enrolled at Associated schools, Rabbi Egozi doesn't think it naive to assume the school can protect and perpetuate spiritual and moral values — a task normally relegated to the home.

But he will admit "reaching the heart as well as the head" is a lofty goal not easily achieved.

Respect for the educator has diminished, he says, and today's sophisticated TV child must be constantly stimulated. But the greatest challenge is facing a permissive, value-weak environment.

"There is a big difference between the yeshiva of old and that of today," he elaborates. "In the past, the yeshiva prepared a student to take his place in society — a Jewish society. Our society today is not a Jewish society... The school must create its own society with the hope that its students are committed to Judaism outside its walls."

When the home fails, the school has to go as far as to take over its role, insists Rabbi Egozi. Jewish observance and spirit in the home is not as strong as he would like it to be.

If anyone could inculcate a comprehension of Jewish spiritual values it would be Rabbi Egozi. He derives his confidence from his experience with several American schools: as principal of the Hebrew Academy of Greater Washington for the past seven years, director of Yeshiva University, west coast division, and dean of the Providence Hebrew Day School. A graduate of UCLA with an MA in education, he received his rabbinical training in Poland before the war.

He has authored seven educational texts and workbooks used throughout the U.S. and has published close to 200 articles in educational journals. His innovative, self-teaching, summer workbook program has been accepted as an ideal method to prevent the two-month vacation from shattering study habit patterns and inhibiting the student's progress.

In addition to his proven scholastic achievements, Rabbi Egozi is an accomplished poet. His verse and prose have appeared in literary journals in Europe and Israel. A volume of Hebrew poetry, **Oroth Baophel** (Lights in the Darkness), published in the 1950s, describes his emotional experiences in the concentration camp at Dachau.

Framed diplomas and awards in the educational director's office bear testimony to Rabbi Egozi's accomplishments in the communities he has served: a plaque from B'nai B'rith for his outstanding community involvement, certificates of merit from the governor of Rhode Island and the mayor of Los Angeles.

Rabbi Akiva Egozi, Associated education director.

From his experience in various American centres, Rabbi Egozi attests to "the greater number of people in Toronto committed to intensive day school education." The community of Washington, with a comparable Jewish population, has only 700 pupils enrolled in its two day schools, he notes.

His plans at Associated call for the introduction of stimulating programs which will renew an interest in Jewish values — "activities to create a spirit, not just the dry learning of text."

These will include the techniques successful in synagogue youth groups: Shabbat evening programs, assemblies featuring guest speakers and student presentations, a student Torah publication and trips to sites of community and historical interest.

But, he is quick to comment, this is not to exclude the essential consideration of a strong general studies program. "Secular and religious studies complement each other," he explains.

"The child's study of modern conversational Hebrew enriches his English vocabulary. From the Talmud, the body of civil and canonical laws, the child learns to reason and analyze. He transfers the Talmudic approach to his secular studies."

The rabbi's wife, Sarah, has also accepted a challenge, in the Egozi spirit. She is teaching the school's 70 Russian immigrant students.

Some African nations may resume relations with Israel within a few months, Yaacov says

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

Within the next few months several African nations will want to resume relations with Israel and, the Soviet Union may send out more concrete feelers to renew diplomatic ties with the Jewish state, in the opinion of Yosef Yaacov, counsellor at the Israeli Embassy in Ottawa.

According to Yaacov, the change in thinking of the African nations toward Israel occurred around last spring when they realized that the Arab states were not going to come through with money nor lower oil prices for them in exchange for an anti-Israel posture. The Soviet Union, envious of the American role with both sides in the Middle East, is also having second thoughts.

Using his expertise as a well-travelled statesman, which has included many years as part of Israel's delegation at the United Nations, Yaacov, spoke on **Israel and The Third World,** at Beth Tzedec's Israel action series. He provided explanations for the chronological course of events that has led to the Third World's hot and cold attitude toward Israel since her birth.

By many logical definitions, Israel should belong to the Third World bloc, but there are some overpowering reasons preventing her from being viewed as a Third World country. On the one hand, Israel is an unendowed, underdeveloped country with no natural resources such as coal, oil or even much water. She is also a country that was liberated from colonialism.

Yet, the fact that Israel had the machinery for a state in the Yishuv before the state was born, and not only was able to assume control successfully right from the beginning, but also, has been able to maintain regular internal and external stability, has set her apart from most Third World countries, he explained.

As well, a combination of the inability of much of the Third World to have any deep emotional regard for the land of Israel, and the Soviet Union's anti-Israel campaign in the Third World after Israel backed the American stand in the Korean conflict in the 1950s, set the stage for future difficulties.

Continuing his chronological explanation, Yaacov noted that Israel, undeterred by these events and by Arab efforts to isolate her from Africa, Asia and, to a large extent, Latin America, started a two-pronged program to break out of this predicament. Since natural trading partners (Arab neighbors) were non co-operative, Israel opened the port of Eilat and created trading partners thousands of miles away.

As well, she started a program of technical assistance and training programs in Israel for foreigners, first from African countries and then from Asian and Latin American countries. Despite the fact that these countries never received money from Israel, and Israel was never strong enough to prevent them from paying lip-service to Arabs in the United Nations, the program was so successful that at its heights, about 60 countries were involved. All this, however, came crashing down after the Six Day War.

Bringing events up to the present, Yaacov explained that while the Vietnam war was coalescing the Third World, Nasser began a propaganda campaign that somehow managed to persuade the Africans and Asians that 100 million Arabs were really the victims of three million Israelis. As a result, programs of assistance wound down drastically. And, once again, the aftermath of the next Mideast conflict, the Yom Kippur War, changed all that.

Now, the struggle behind the scenes at the United Nations consists not just of the West standing up for Israel, but also of African countries feeling that the whole Arab approach has gone too far. The signal has gotten across to the Arabs that they have reached the saturation point in terms of their propaganda.

With this new atmosphere, Yaacov feels, trade with and technical assistance to, the Third World, will gradually resume.

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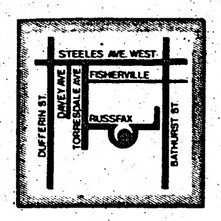

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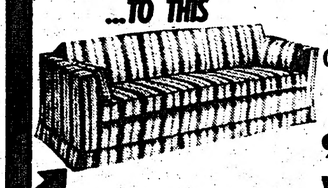

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'Full-blooded belter in sophisticated cabaret tradition,' Aviva Schwartz enthrals

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Seven young, vibrant performers all made the Soldiers Welfare Fund — Friends of Progressive Israel — Canadian Zionist Federation Oct. 22 "Here is Israel" a most enjoyable evening. The program, directed by Shmuel Firstenberg and under the musical direction of composer Yehudah Engel, imaginatively utilized films of kibbutz life in Israel to create a subtle, but extremely effective environmental backup to the singing; a dimension which greatly contributed to the total involvement of the audience.

The two performers who had the most individual appeal were singer Aviva Schwartz and pantomimist Uri Tennenbaum. Ms. Schwartz starred in the Israeli production of **Jacques Brel** (which also played in Paris). A full-blooded belter in today's most sophisticated cabaret tradition, her rendition of a Brel song (in Hebrew), depicting the agonies of war, drew an enthusiastic ovation from the audience. But her renditions of more rural-derived Israeli kibbutz songs emoted this same sense of soul-in-spiring, passionate involvement. Aviva's theatrical background greatly enhances her potentialities as a singer, especially in light of today's cabaret revival.

Uri Tennenbaum, originally from Paris, was a student of Marcel Marceau. But, unlike so many other mime performers of today who are carbon copies of Marceau, Uri goes into his own original spheres with his mime interpretations of kibbutz life and his impressions of a kibbutz father changing his son's diapers. Thus, Uri Tennenbaum is a genuinely innovative interpreter by taking mime beyond the airy fantasy of Marceau into the previously unexplored realms of everyday human existence.

Yona Yellin formed a suitable contrast to Aviva Schwartz's natural urbanity with her uplifting youthful, (but also classy) exuberance. Her husband David (formerly of the Greenbriar Boys) while pleasant, lacked the necessary dynamism required to carry an individual distinctive performance; coming alive only in an American folksong which was out of place in this show.

The Kitzeh Hasade Trio, who distinguished themselves in last year's Chassidic Song Festival, were even better this time. They are a superbly polished ensemble with perfect dramatic counterpoint between bassist Guy Joffe and Tenors Zvi Boums and Reuven Gewirtz; culminating in some extremely original harmonies. I was also very pleased to hear this trio perform original new material, thus following the ideal which Israeli concerts in the Diaspora should attain: an accurate indicator of what's musically happening in Israel today.

All in all, a most delightful evening of high-quality entertainment.

THE CHAI EYE: The famous, highly proficient Israeli singer Avi Toledaro will appear on TV-**Shalom** very soon — call **Shalom** at 781-3571 for exact scheduling in your cable district. The 1975 Israel Chassidic Song Festival comes to Toronto Nov. 30 — Poogie appears here on Feb. 29 (at York) while Yehoram Gaon will perform at Adath Israel in March.

Musical ability is almost all a gift, TSO cellist Daniel Domb claims

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canada has traditionally suffered from an ailment nationalists have bemoaned as a hazard to this country's academic and cultural heritage — the "brain drain." Young scientists, artists and musicians have left to find success in the United States and abroad.

Rarely does it appear that this nationalist's nightmare could work to our advantage. But, in the case of Daniel Domb, the young, talented principal cellist of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, what was Israel's loss is now Canada's gain.

"There was no room in Israel to do what I'm doing here," says Domb who admitted the artist must "go to other places to prove himself. To develop you have to leave. You can't be confined to a small geographic area like Israel."

Israel and Canada, as well as "sharing" Daniel Domb, hold another common interest — a love for music. Some 25-30% of Israelis attend concerts regularly, he estimates. Here, too, there is "incredible public support" for Toronto's orchestra which Domb rates as "first class."

A 31-year-old from Haifa, he is starting his second season with the TSO and busies himself with a series of solo concerts with the orchestra, other American and Canadian symphonies, as well as teaching.

In his newly-acquired stone-faced home on a sleepy, tree-lined Davisville area street, Domb reminisced about life as a child prodigy, reflected on his TSO position and, with a boyish grin, related his first encounter with his wife, Amy, a musician and his musical agent.

The casual living room is dominated by an upright piano. Cello cases rest on the carpet, a guitar case stands in the corner, music parts for a Brahms quartet and a folded metal stand rest on a wooden chair.

"Music is 99% talent, 99% work, with 1% inspiration," he said with a smile, turning the old adage upside down.

Why has Israel turned out so many young acclaimed string players of the calibre of violinists Yitzhak Perlman, Pinchas Zuckerman and himself? "Jews have traditionally had a good talent for music," he replies. "All the great violin players have been Jewish. It is almost entirely a gift."

Toronto Symphony's Daniel Domb. (Amy Gilbert)

If genetics plays any part in musical talent, it has done so with Domb. He began on the violin at 7, under the close scrutiny and guidance of his mother Aviva, a concert violinist now living in New York. Switching to cello at 11, he studied in Israel and Paris with Paul Tortelier.

"One has to have a marvellous beginning," he said, describing his early experiences. "Music should never feel like a drudgery. The teacher must inspire the student by teaching him things he can do with success."

He was inspired by some renowned instructors — cellist Leonard Rose at Juilliard School of Music and Gregor Piatigorsky, with whom he studied under a Rockefeller grant.

After concert appearances under the batons of Leonard Bernstein, Seiji Ozawa, Arthur Fiedler, to name a few, and recitals in major American and European cities, he served as the assistant principal cellist of the Cleveland Orchestra. Two years later he moved to Toronto.

Presently, his joint career as soloist and orchestral player is a combination he finds ideal. Being principal cellist requires confidence and a good deal of diplomacy, he says.

"A section is like an army troupe. Morale is important...from an emotional point of view, the first cellist presents a father image of the section, giving the players positive reinforcement along with criticism when it is necessary."

Did he find any conflict with more senior TSO veterans over the choice of a younger outsider as section leader? He answers, no, adding that respect for playing ability overrides any jealousies. He is not dictatorial with his players and respects their opinions on questions of technique.

Domb spends what little spare time he has outside his musical life on photography, a new hobby which he shares with his wife. He does all his own car mechanics and has a pilot's license which he uses to take symphony colleagues on short flights.

His wife, as well as being an artist's representative, conducts the choir at Temple Emanu-El. The Dombs met in a romantic, fairy-tale encounter. She, attending Cleveland Orchestra performances, sent him a note backstage, identifying herself only as a smiling admirer.

At the performance, Domb, then assistant principal cellist, looked out on the audience to find a sea of smiling people, but, he says, one face glowed even stronger — it was Amy.

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After a while the facts in this detailed account become too numerous to ingest and the historical tapestry too intricate to see clearly. But the author, a well-known historian and biographer, has successfully brought to life one of history's most notable families. Unaccountably, there are no illustrations.

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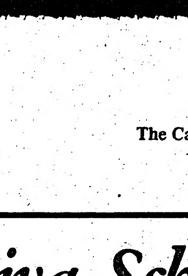

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Montrealer's play 'Human Remains' is box office hit

Fineberg joins young talent altering face of Canadian theatre

theatre

By JENIVA BERGER

When Larry Fineberg came to Toronto in 1971, it was during the golden years of alternative theatre growth. The Montreal playwright had been in New York working as assistant director to the Leosser organization when he completed his own play, **Stonehenge Trilogy** and sent it off to Ken Gass at the Factory Theatre Lab. Gass snapped it up and Fineberg joined the ranks of fresh young talent who were slowly changing the face of Canadian theatre.

"Coming back here, you felt you could do anything," Fineberg recalls. "Even though **Stonehenge** got bad notices, three days later Toronto Free Theatre asked me to write a play."

He's been writing steadily every since and even though he maintains that after your fifth play "you often lose your freshness," that hasn't happened to him, at least not yet. Though experimentation has shrunk now in the smaller theatre and one senses a pall, the calm after the storm of furious productivity which raged for a half dozen years, Fineberg has escaped the lethargy.

His new play, a black comedy called **Human Remains,** which recently opened at the New Theatre, is an acerbic probe into the lives of three people who run the gamut of inflicting emotional pain upon themselves and each other.

Fineberg doesn't dance around honesty. "I think only sometimes things in life turn out for the best," he says pointedly. "This play has subjects people might shy away from, like sexual identity and what you think of your parents. But they're people we all know and though there are elements in the play which will upset some, they're not meant to shock but to get you involved."

Human Remains, selling out these nights, is a much better play than Fineberg's first one, **Stonehenge,** which caused little consternation here, but a minor stir amongst Jewish groups when it was performed in Vancouver. "It was anti-religious rather than anti-Semitic," says Fineberg, reminding me that the play was built around a concentration camp survivor who becomes unstrung.

"The first time around it didn't work because it wasn't focused properly. It's since been rewritten and has just been published by the Playwright's Co-op."

Fineberg became increasingly sharper with successive plays. **Death** was the highlight of the Factory Theatre Lab's marathon two evenings of one-act plays a few years back. It has recently been filmed for television starring the inimitable British actor Donald Pleasance, who stepped into the role as soon as he read the play.

It's one of several good things that have started to happen to Fineberg, the maverick Montrealer who was expected to become a doctor, lawyer or businessman, showed his opposition by flunking out of McGill and eventually wound up studying theatre arts at a small college in Boston.

A television play called **Sanity** has just been commissioned by BBC-TV in London, his adaptation of the Book of Eve will be presented at the Avon Theatre for the Stratford Festival next summer and he has just completed the book and lyrics for a musical version of the **Odyssey** which will be produced at the Tarragon Theatre in March.

"That one will be pure fun," he says confidently.

At the ripe age of 30, the bespectacled Fineberg looks like a good looking earnest young professor, but speaks with the savoire-faire of a New York PR man when talking about himself and his future.

At the end of his play, **Human Remains,** one of the characters asks, "what will we be like in 10 years?" It's probably a question that Fineberg asked himself at one time and answered.

Teachers deserve a better deal: report

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Donni Friedman, chairman of the association of general studies teachers, which is currently involved in negotiations with the schools (see report above), is certainly aware of the problem. She points out that teachers must pay the same escalating prices as everyone else. "It's unrealistic to expect them to settle for less just because they're committed to Jewish education."

Both Friedman and Cowan look to the talks between the North York Board of Education and parts of the Jewish school system to provide some easing of the financial squeeze. If an arrangement can be worked out, not only will general studies teachers be paid from public funds at North York salary levels, but community funds freed by public support will be available to bring religious and Hebrew studies salaries to the same level.

Fringe benefits are another problem area. Both Cowan and Friedman agree that they are far below public school standards in areas such as pensions (which are unavailable to teachers in most congregational schools) and insurance. But Cowan points out that "we can't hope to match the improvement in fringe benefits" negotiated by public school teachers.

Yet in spite of the tremendous costs of upgrading the financial position of teachers in Jewish schools, Cowan is committed to the principle of equality. "The're is a feeling that those people who are working for less are worth less. A Jewish teacher is worthy of everything that a public school teacher is worthy of."

Friedman agrees. "Not too many Hebrew teachers want their children to become teachers. Once the exploitation ends, the low status will end."

One way which, in Cowan's opinion, holds great promise for improving the prestige of the teacher in the Jewish schools is the upgrading of qualifications and training opportunities for teachers in both supplementary and day schools. "If we demand high qualifications, there is a challenge for young people," he points out.

Moreover, uniform certification standards and a high level of preparation would make it much easier to build up full-time teaching schedules, especially for Hebrew studies teachers. They would no longer have to run between three schools, or as in one memorable case, sell shoes in order to make a living.

Opportunities for university-level Jewish studies in Canada, such as the teacher-training programs now in existence at McGill University and being developed at York, will not only attract Jewish-Canadian students to the field of Jewish education but will train a core group of young teachers who can work in both general and Hebrew studies and who will want to teach in schools where they can use their unique specialties.

El Al, on strike, lays off employees, recalls crews

TEL AVIV — A wildcat strike by El Al workshop employees, now entering its second week, has led Israel's national airline to take drastic steps to reduce expenditures.

The airline with a history of recent labor strife, dismissed 100 temporary employees, furloughed 100 other employees and recalled air crews now abroad. The men are striking over issues regarding seniority and rates of pay.

(Despite the grounding, reports are that most Canadian passenger booked on El Al, were rerouted to other carriers. The Toronto UJA President's Mission, through El Al emergency provisions, returned home this week on Sabena, Swissair and Air France.)

The company and workers are expected to negotiate this week and a settlement could be reached at any time.

Following a meeting last week with Israel Transport Minister Gad Yaacobi, El Al Managing Director Mordechai Ben-Ari raised the possibility of closing down the airline and chartering its grounded fleet of 13 jets to other carriers.

Emergency Bonds program

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campaign, daily receipts of Bond payments had been averaging between $100,000 and $150,000 prior to the strike.

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Teachers cut negotiations

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year they are negotiating for a substantially larger sum while they seek loopholes in the recent federal anti-inflation legislation.

The association's struggle with the BJE dates back to April, 1974, when the general studies teachers presented their proposals for salary, fringe benefits and working conditions to a BJE committee compromised of representatives of the five day schools.

Four schools, negotiating separately with their individual school board, reached a satisfactory agreement on the financial portion of their negotiations. The United Synagogue Day School also amicably concluded negotiation with their board only to find, three months later, that the BJE vetoed their financial agreement.

The contested point was the cost-of-living allowance awarded to the other four schools. BJE argued that USDS salaries were at a higher scale than at the other schools in the system, not taking into account a discrepancy in working hours — USDS' full-time week comprises 28.5 teaching hours while the other four schools consider 30 hours a full week. (In the public schools it is 27.5).

Frustrated by the board's delays the association held a protest demonstration in May, 1975. The USDS teachers received union certification in July, 1975.

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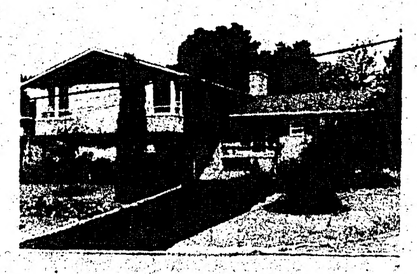
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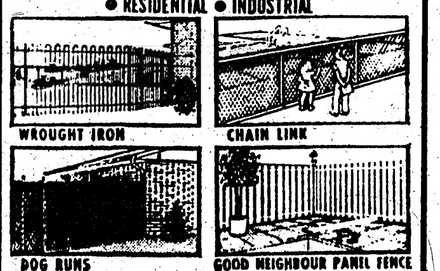

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Orthodox community leaders gather to praise Rabbi Gedalia Felder for guiding Ner Israel

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

Over 600 people joined Orthodox community leaders in paying tribute to Ner Israel Yeshiva College and one of its "dedicated friends," Rabbi Gedalia Felder, at a dinner held in the Canadian Room of the Royal York Hotel last weekend.

The 16th anniversary celebration honored Rabbi Felder, for his "guidance, devotion and beneficial endeavors" on behalf of the Finch Street yeshiva.

Spiritual leader of Shomrai Shaboth congregation since 1950, Rabbi Felder also serves as chairman of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, Canadian Jewish Congress, Central Region, and is a member of the five-man Beth Din Tzedek of the Rabbinical Council of America.

Guest speakers at the annual dinner stressed the importance of the yeshiva in sustaining traditional Jewish life and praised Rabbi Felder for his devotion in upholding Torah precepts and preserving Halachic law through his internationally acclaimed scholarly works.

Rabbi Shlomo Freifeld, dean of Yeshivat Shor Yoshuv of New York, and keynote speaker, told the members of the Orthodox community and Ner Israel Yeshiva alumni gathered in the large hall, that with the foundations of society being uprooted, the role of the Torah scholar is essential in cementing the Jewish community.

"Maturity in Yiddishkeit is acceptance of responsibility," added the rav. "We have become a very lonely people. We are alone in the world... Today everyone must assume responsibility — not just with dollars but with a commitment."

Echoing Rabbi Freifeld's plea, Rabbi Felder rose following a standing ovation and urged the audience to build on Judaism's past roots, to work tirelessly for maintaining yeshiva centres and to ensure the future of a strongly committed young generation.

Rabbi Gedalia Felder of Toronto. (Famous Studio)

Quoting Abraham's utterance, "I am dust and ashes," the rabbi drew a commentary on the biblical phrase.

"Dust is the symbol of the future. Ashes are symbols of the past. We are a people of the past and of the future," he explained.

"We saw some of our people being burned, and we saw some of our yeshivas turn into ashes. But we have ground, a place to build, to plant, to seed, to blossom. There is a future for our people," he said.

"You must feel you are not an individual," he warned the group, "but part of Klal Yisroel, part of the past. Torah must not be forgotten... We must turn ashes into earth on which you plant, you create, you produce fruit. This is the hope of the yeshiva."

In an emotional recollection, he paid tribute to "those who taught me and those who made me" — his parents, teachers and his wife. He also praised the endeavors of the Ner Israel benefactors "who love Torah not just for honor, but out of a feeling that the Torah must be supported."

Guests at the long head table included several local and out-of-town personalities as well as Ner Israel board members. Spiritual leaders included: Rabbis Moses Burak, Beth Jacob Synagogue, Meyer Berglas, Shaarei Tefillah, Mordechai Ochs, Torat Emeth, Yitzhak Kerzner, Clanton Park, and Shmuel Stauber, B'nai Torah Congregation.

Out-of-town visitors at the head table were Rabbi Aaron Felder of New York, the rabbi's oldest son who paid tribute to his father's "perseverance, sincerity and ability to remain humble," and Rabbi Herman Neuberger, vice-president, Ner Israel Rabbinical College, Baltimore, Maryland.

Representatives of the yeshiva included Rabbi Moshe Friedman, executive vice-president of Ner Israel; Abe Bleeman, president, Berish Zolty, vice-president and Rosh Yeshiva Rabbi Naftoli Friedler.

Ner Israel, with an operating budget of $500,000, began with a student body of 10 which has now expanded to 140.

PLO will not talk to Israel unless she scuttles Law of Return, Palestinian warns

By Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

The PLO will not negotiate with Israel unless the Jewish state renounces the Law of Return and acquiesces to the repatriation of Palestinians to their former homeland, according to the advisor of the PLO's United Nations delegation.

In an interview following his one hour speech to a University of Toronto audience here recently, Dr. Ibrahim Abu-Lughod told **The Canadian Jewish News** that unless Israel agrees to these stringent conditions, the only encounter between Palestinians and Israelis will be on the battlefield.

Dr. Lughod, director of graduate studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, conceded he would not return to his birthplace in Jaffa in the event of a settlement. He would not say categorically whether his people would go back to their homes. However, he emphasized that repatriation "should be tested."

The meeting, chaired by Rev. A.C. Forrest, (editor of the **United Church Observer**), was sponsored by the Student Administrative Council and the Canadian Arab Federation. Moshe Dayan, the former Israeli minister of defence, addressed a University of Toronto audience a week earlier under the aegis of SAC.

In his formal address, the silver-haired 46-year-old professor said the PLO's objectives "entails the genocide of Israel" as a state rather than the destruction of the Jewish people.

The primary goal of the PLO, he affirmed, is the establishment of a secular state in historic Palestine. He feels national struggle, not protracted negotiation, can bring about this vision of the future. Dr. Lughod ruled out direct or indirect talks with Israel because negotiation has not worked in the past and cannot be expected to be fruitful in the coming years. "A homeland and the PLO will establish its authority in any part of Palestine."

Gadi Hoz photo
Dr. Ibrahim Abu-Lughod

He was probably referring to the fact that the PLO would not be against setting up a state on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip along the path "to total liberation."

Although Dr. Lughod denied he was an official PLO spokesman and said he was speaking for himself, he conceded his views reflected the opinions of the majority of Palestinians.

Asked by someone in the audience whether he accepted the idea of Jewish national rights in historic Palestine, Dr. Lughod smiled. "I don't know what they are," he scoffed. To loud applause, he said an American Jew such as Henry Kissinger, even if he so desired, had no right to immigrate to Israel and displace a Palestinian.

Terming Israel a racist and expansionist country, he observed that Israel and the Palestinians "stand in total opposition to each other." Israel, he said, symbolizes the perennial strife between Jews and non-Jews and exclusion rather than inclusion. He made it clear peace will not descend on the Middle East unless Palestinian demands are met.

Replying to a question from the floor, Dr. Lughod, the author of seven books on the Middle East and Africa, derided what he described as "so-called terrorist activities." He said the PLO does not condone or support terrorism but instead adheres to armed struggle, "which is different."

A founder director and past president of the Association of Arab-American University Graduates, Dr. Lughod did not appear to be perturbed when asked to comment on the morality of the Ma'alot massacre. "There are unfortunate incidents in all armed struggles. I can't explain to you the exact wisdom of each raid."

Continuing his defence of Ma'alot, he said whatever reservations he might have about attacks of this kind, he accepted any strategy that advanced the goals of the movement. "It's not for me to tell them how to conduct their struggle."

Dr. Lughod received his elementary and secondary education in Palestine. After the 1949 war, he moved to Jordan, then studied in the United States. He received his doctorate in political science from Princeton. He is senior consultant to the PLO's Social Research Centre in Beirut. He has taught at Smith College and McGill University, in addition to serving as a social science officer for UNESCO.

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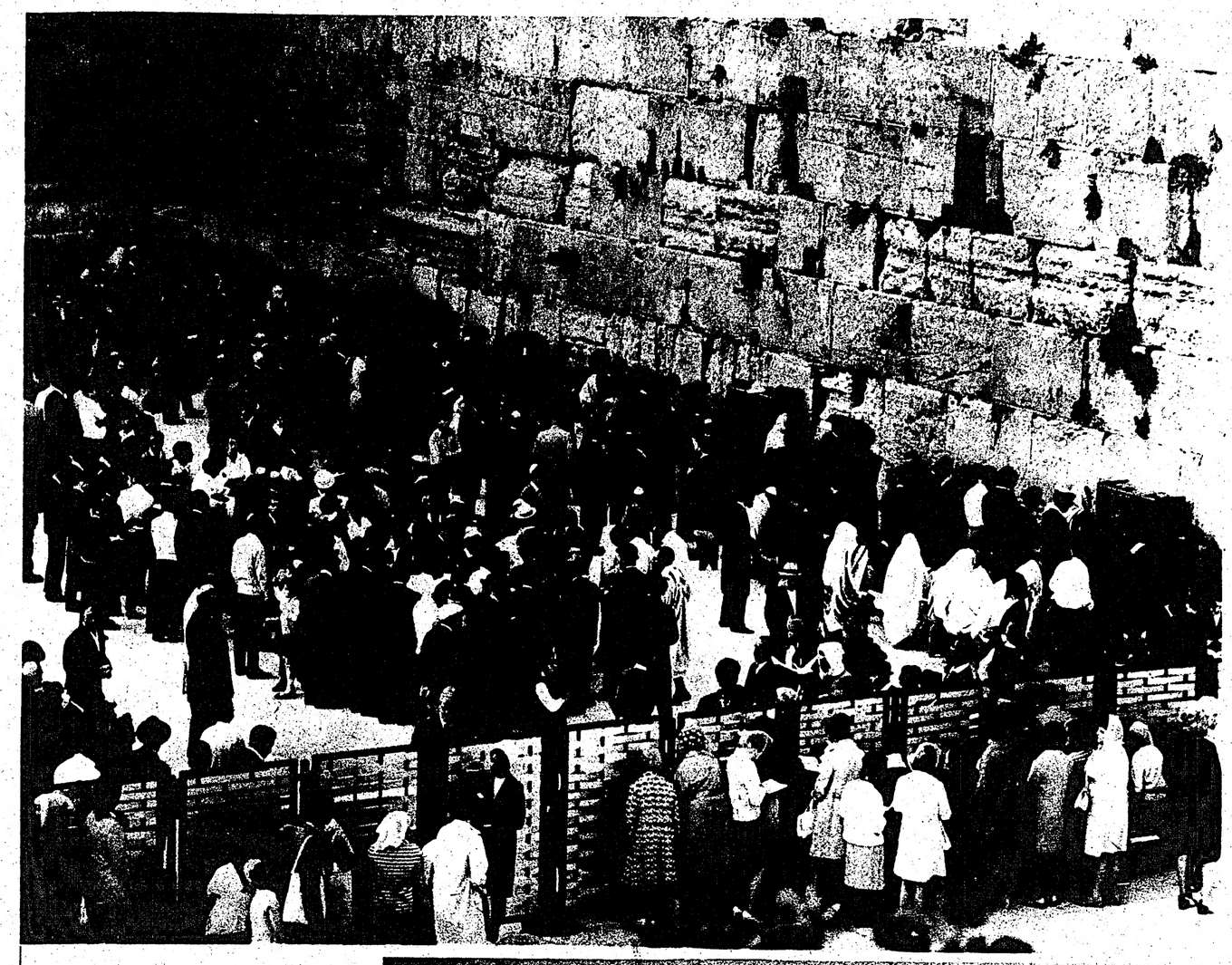
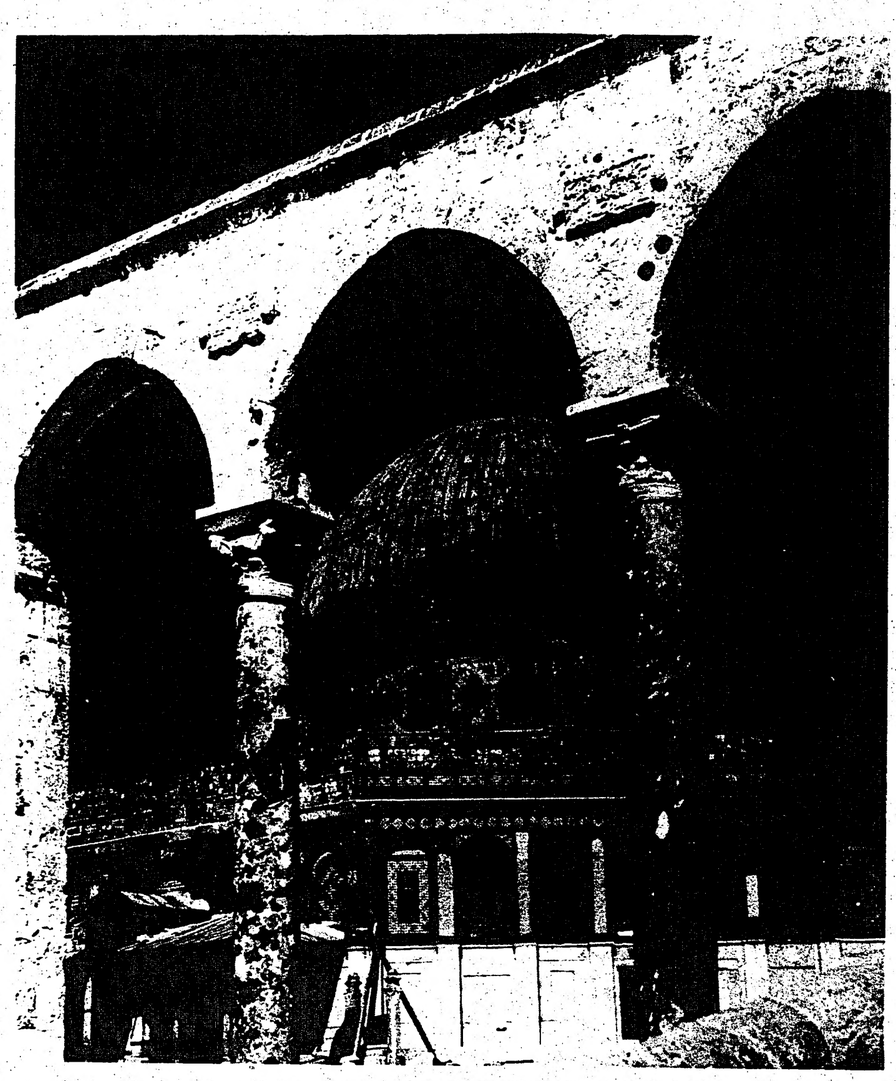




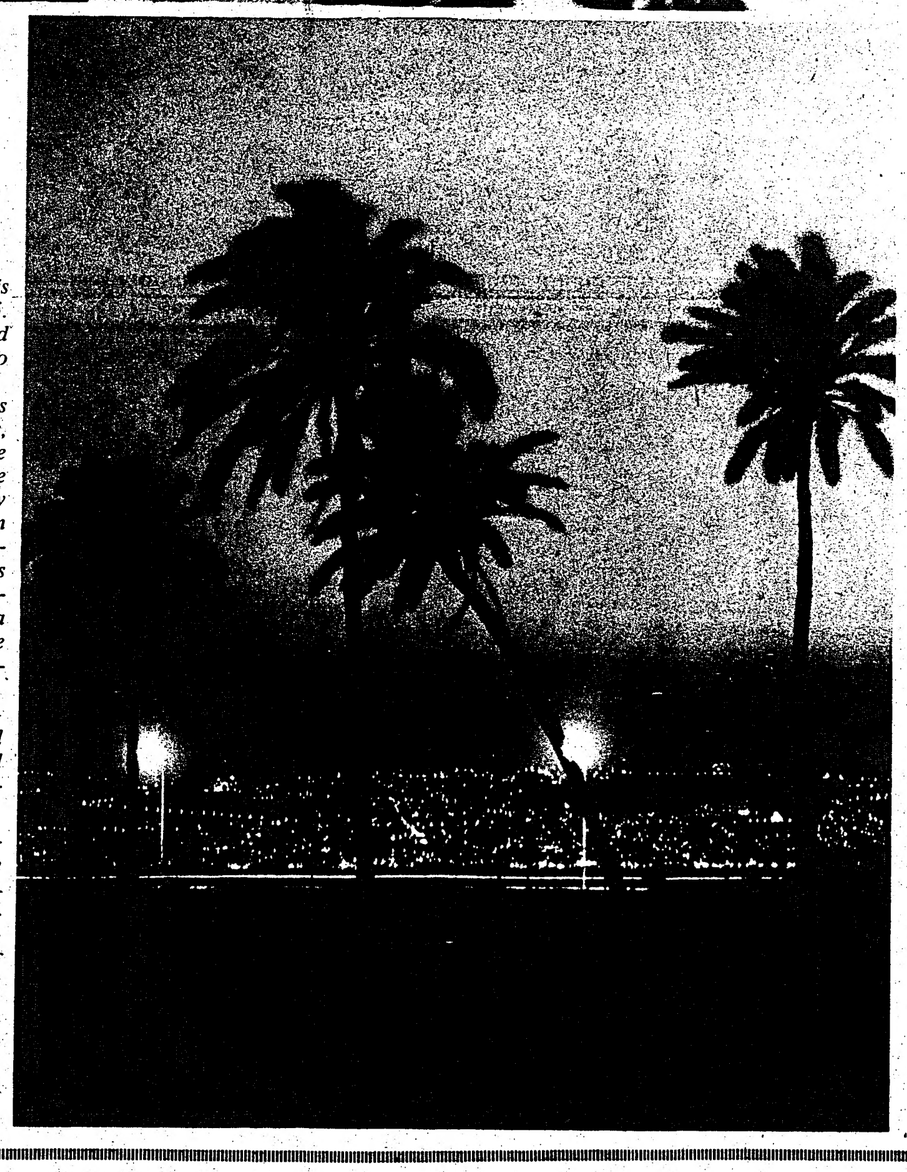
CANADIAN TOURISTS INCREASE

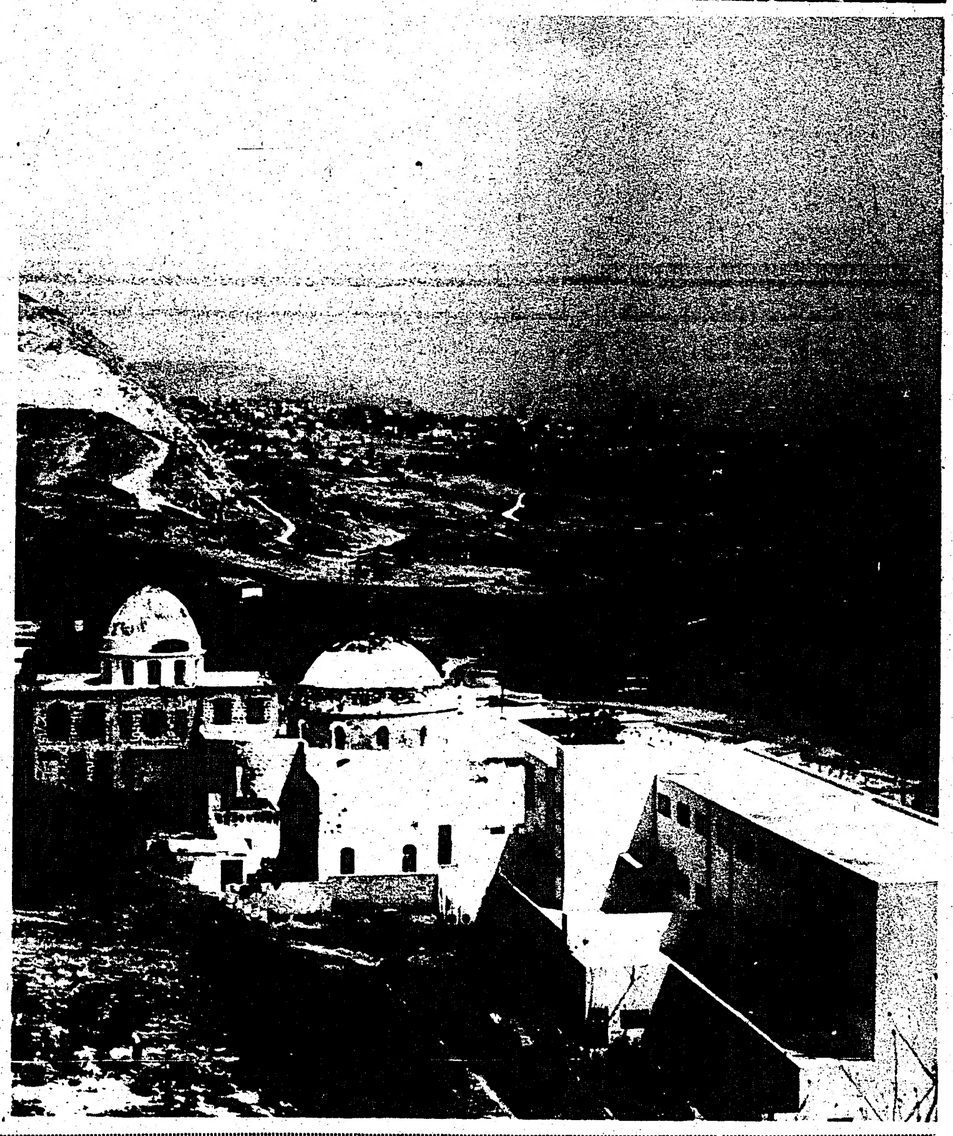
Tourism from Canada to Israel is expected again to increase in 1975. This will continue the growth trend of last year, when there was an 11% increase over 1973.

Now more than ever, Israel needs tourism. And now, more than ever, the Jewish state offers more to the visitor. Over the last few years, there has been a great increase in quality hotel rooms available in Israel, and in service. Along with that, repeated devaluation gives the visitor more for his dollars. In February, about 1,000 Canadians are expected in Israel for a minimum of a week to attend the Canadian Zionist Federation convention.

The CZF convention in Jerusalem – there will be a one-day session in Tel Aviv – will be the largest Israel-based gathering in the history of the federation.

Here are some of the varied attractions Israel offers. Top left, since the Six Day War, visitors have been streaming to the Western Wall in great numbers. Another tourism magnet in the Old City of Jerusalem is Mosque of Omar seen top right. Bottom left is a view of Haifa at night from Mount Carmel. Beside it is view of Tiberias on Lake Galilee. In foreground is tomb of Rabbi Baal Hanëss ("the miracle maker") and Yeshiva building.





CZF ISRAEL CONVENTION IS CHALLENGING TASK

By CHARLES LAZARUS

MONTREAL –

The Canadian Zionist Federation has undertaken a noble if challenging assignment: Getting hundreds of delegates to Jerusalem for the next CZF convention, from Feb. 9–19.

Needless to say, there is hardly a Zionist in Canada who would not want to wear the status symbol of being at this gathering, which can become one of the most important missions to Israel ever undertaken.

The challenge arises from the simple fact that, for whatever the reason, getting Canadian Jews to Israel has become a major problem for reasons economic or whatever, and now it is up to the Zionist leadership, both lay and professional, to make the February convention a prime magnet for Canadian delegates.

The sales pitch can go something like this:

INVOLVEMENT: With an interim accord reached with Egypt, Israel is moving into a new era which could bring not only a measure of peace, but a shifting of direction toward a new social, political and economic climate.

If there were a flood of emotionally-charged visitors from North America after the 1967 and 1973 conflicts, there should be a tidal wave of Jews at this time, anxious to become involved with a "new" Israel, the likes of which have not yet been experienced.

TOURISM: There is no question that Israel today, having gone through a period in the first quarter century of emphasizing antiquity and spirituality in the never-ending bus tours, is in a position to provide an ideal tourism infra-structure in its recreational activities, culture programing and resort lifestyle.

During one of my periodic swings around Israel a few weeks ago, I made it a point of visiting sun-and-fun spots such as Galei Kineret in Tiberias, the Dead Seas facilities and El Al's Laromme Hotel in Eilat, and there is now no question in my mind that Israel has arrived as an ideal spot for simply enjoying a vacation – enjoying in the purest sense of the word, and without the benefit of rigidly scheduled sightseeing by bus.

CONVENTIONS: Incredibly and despite the problems which Israel has had to deal with, in recent years Jerusalem has developed as a prime convention city: The dazzling convention centre adjoining the Jerusalem Hilton; board-and-bed facilities such as CP Hotels' new Jerusalem Plaza, the Hilton, to say nothing of the still dominating King David and other hostelries in Jerusalem and most important, the variety of eating places which, with the Israeli pound trading at 7 to the dollar, makes some surprising bargains available.

ECONOMICS: It takes no financial genius to recognize that of all sources of badly-needed revenue for Israel, tourism is about the best and quickest, since hard currency begins its important mission with the first Israeli pound buying a taxi ride, minutes after the visitor arrives at Ben–Gurion airport.

So visiting Israel to attend the CZF convention achieves the double objective of providing practical support for the country, and practical involvement in Israel's future.

INFORMATION: Finally and possibly most important, there is the question of information – information which each delegate will acquire in learning first-hand the actual state of Israeli thinking and feeling, individually and collectively, in a wide variety of issues.

Determined bid being made by Haifa to outdo Tel Aviv as tourist centre

By Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Haifa's deputy mayor, Aron Shapira, knows his city cannot compete with Jerusalem for tourists' dollars or francs. But Haifa, mindful of its limitations, is nevertheless making a determined bid to outdo Tel Aviv as one of Israel's main pleasure spas, he said in an interview recently.

A member of the 24-man city council, Shapira maintains that in spite of its sleepy, backwoods image, Haifa is in a good position to lure tourists from the bright lights of Tel Aviv. Haifa, he explained, possesses beautiful natural surroundings whereas Tel Aviv does not. Haifa has clean, untarred beaches, inimitable Mount Carmel, two Druze villages within easy driving range and Ein Hod, the quaint artists' colony a mere 10 minutes away by car from the city centre.

Shapira, one of three deputy mayors serving under Mayor Yosef Almogi, told **The Canadian Jewish News** that the municipality is at last putting Haifa on the tourist map thanks to the newly-formed Haifa Convention Bureau. With a

Aron Shapira

tight annual budget of just $22,000 and a miniscule staff of three, the bureau, of which Shapira is chairman, has already managed to double the number of locally-held conventions.

Until two years ago, he disclosed, no more than an average of 10 conventions per year took place in Haifa. Last year, however, 23 conventions, drawing 8,000 visitors, were held in the port city. Approximately 75% of the conventioneers were foreigners, a promising sign of things to come, in Shapira's opinion.

Shapira, 61, a banker in private life, stressed that the Technion has also had an important role in bringing guests to Haifa. The Technion, Israel's M.I.T., has an outstanding faculty and these men and women have good connections throughout the world. Through rational persuasion and a little public relations, they do wonders for Haifa's tourism business, he said.

In Toronto, he revealed, local lawyer Joe Pomerant will be Haifa's resident representative. It will be up to Pomerant, in co-operation with the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, to drum up business for the metropolis of 230,000.

In addition to being a member of the municipal executive council, Shapira sits on the finance and transportation committees. He is chairman of the land and property committee as well. A musical buff, he is also chairman of the Haifa Symphonic Orchestra.

He minimizes Haifa's air pollution problems. "We're not so bad," he said. The city allocates $175,000 every year to cleaning up the environment and the pollution can be controlled despite the presence of oil refineries and a huge cement factory.

He scoffs at charges made by three Israeli members of Knesset — Marcia Friedman, Micha Hofri and Benny Nahshon — that Mayor Almogi, a prime contender for the Jewish Agency executive chairman's job, made "grandiose promises" which he failed to fulfil. The parliamentarians cited such unkept pledges as slum clearance and housing for young couples.

Rebutting their accusations, Shapira says housing is the responsibility of the central government, and notes it is exceedingly difficult to disperse slum dwellers since they prefer to live together.

Aron Shapira was born in Poland and immigrated to Palestine in 1935. He and his wife, Chaya, and daughter (they have another unmarried daughter) live in the posh Mt. Carmel neighborhood. Banking business has taken him to Toronto on two past occasions.

Flowers bloom in winter at the approach to the city of Haifa, a growing convention centre in Israel.

Moshe Kol says shalom to Canada

By MOSHE KOL
Israel Minister of Tourism

To my fellow-Jews in Canada, shalom.

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Moshe Kol

Tourism is the bridge that leads to the attainment of these relationships, for only through visiting one another's country can true understanding of each other's way of life be achieved; only then can lasting friendships be established.

Canada enjoys a special place in our hearts, for the friendship between this great Dominion and Israel is one of the highlights of our short history in international relations.

Canadian visitors to Israel increased by 11% in 1974 over the previous year, and all indications are that by the end of this year more Canadians than ever will have visited our country. You should feel that you, too, have a share in Israel, and that visiting us allows us to partake of our inheritance together, even for a little while. Come and show your solidarity with us. We know you buy Bonds and give to our many causes. And we are aware that you stand steadfast and are counted, giving us your full support when we are threatened. All that is vital to us. But if you come and lend us your presence so that we can see your faces and shake your hands — then we really will know that we do not stand alone.

We are proud and happy that the Canadian Zionist Federation will hold its convention in Israel next year, and we invite every Jewish and Zionist organization to do the same. For in this sacred land, fruitful and meaningful results surely will arise from its very atmosphere.

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El Al expresses its thanks

By Mordechai Ben-Ari
General Manager,
El Al Israel Airlines

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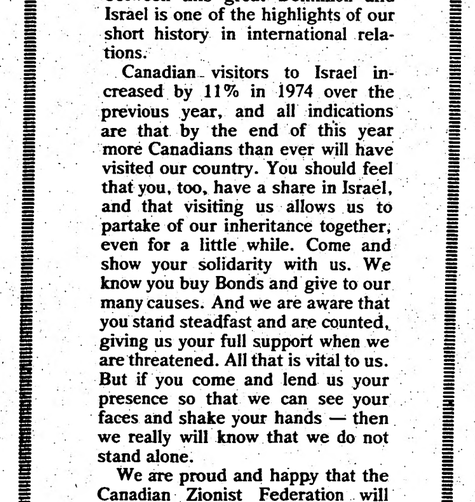
In November, this year, El Al will take delivery of its fourth Boeing 747, the latest model available of this fine aircraft. This addition to the El Al fleet will greatly contribute towards our aims and purpose.

At this time, we bring to the Jewish people of Canada our fervent good wishes and the hope that they will continue to rally behind Israel and thus strengthen even more, the existing ties.



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Jaffa may be shabby and decrepit in appearance but it offers something memorable to all visitors

By Sheldon Kirshner
Staff Reporter

JAFFA, Israel —

Jaffa is Israel's shame and glory.

It is Israel's shame because so much of this historic and exotic district south of Tel Aviv has been allowed to lapse into disrepair and poverty.

But despite the crumbling whitewashed buildings, the perpetual odor of horse manure and the garbage strewn on the streets here and there, Jaffa is far from being a dank or depressed locale which tourists avoid like the plague.

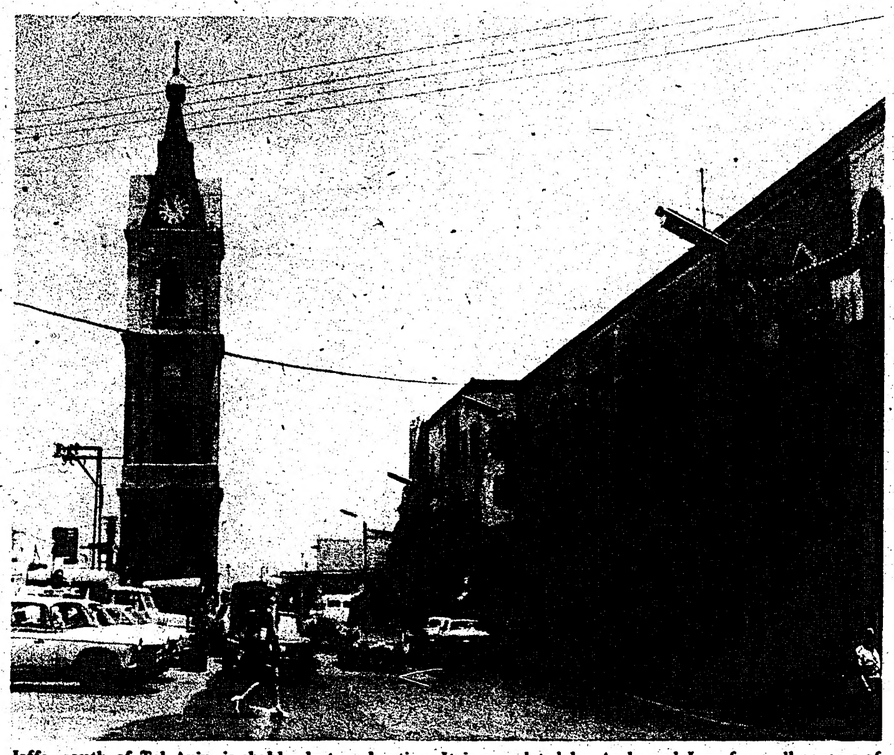
Jaffa, vibrant and teeming with Arabs, and Jews from every nook and cranny of the globe, may be shabby and decrepit in appearance. But it is nevertheless possessed of such surging style that a visitor would be patently unwise if he ignored it during his tour of Israel.

Unlike so many neighborhoods in Tel Aviv, Jaffa, a city mentioned in the Bible, is in the rather enviable position of being able to offer something memorable to, almost everyone who cares to sample her delights.

Shoppers looking for bargain basement prices can indulge their fancy ad infinitum by browsing at any of Jaffa's many stores and boutiques. Prices are usually 15% to 20% lower than in Tel Aviv, and the goods on sale are as fashionable and chic as anywhere in Israel.

Christian pilgrims, in the market for spiritual rather than material sights, will find in Jaffa all manner of churches and monastaries.

And night owls will not be disappointed by Jaffa either. The area overlooking the shimmering sea, once a haunt of criminals and prostitutes, has been marvellously refurbished and cleaned up. Today old Jaffa is dotted with night clubs, some admittedly too slick and commercial, expensive jewelry and clothing shops, Oriental restaurants and charming seaside cafes affording a picturesque view of Tel Aviv's undulating shoreline.



Jaffa, south of Tel Aviv, is shabby but enchanting. It is populated by Arabs and Jews from all corners of the world, particularly Bulgarians, who are known for their warmth. The clocktower on Yefet Blvd. is Jaffa's most striking landmark. The area around it is filled with cafes and small, aromatic restaurants.

For the person on a tight budget, Jaffa offers some unexpected surprises. Take the rundown Flea Market, for example. Here you can find antiques, a wide assortment of Persian jewelry and even old clothes and second-hand shoes should you be in need of those particular items. Then, too, there are plenty of cheap restaurants catering to a rougher sort of clientele frequenting the beach area.

For rich and poor alike, the lure of fine Middle Eastern and European restaurants is all but irresistable. If you don't mind the stench of stagnant water, you can follow your nose to what I consider to be among the greatest Oriental restaurants in Israel — the Yunis.

Although inflation has caught up with the Yunis' menu, it is still possible to order a number of delicious salads and various side dishes for a reasonable price. Those with more change in their pockets can feast on a three or four-course meal consisting of humos, skewered lamb and honey-dripping Greek pastry.

Minutes away from the Yunis, sits another formidable restaurant, Lipski's. But be forewarned. Lipski's specializing in Polish cuisine, is rather expensive, but the prospect of a memorable culinary experience should draw you into the tiny well-appointed restaurant presided over by Mr. and Mrs. Lipski.

Still on the subject of food, be sure not to forego the experience of eating at one of the many excellent Bulgarian restaurants situated in Jaffa. It goes without saying that Jaffa should be noted for its Bulgarian fare, since the bulk of the Bulgarian colony in Tel Aviv resides there.

The large Bulgarian presence is probably one of the reasons why Jaffa is such a friendly and folksy place. Israelis quick to whisper snide remarks about the blurring array of Jews who have come here from all four corners of the world, usually reserve their kindest thoughts for the Bulgarians.

And for good reason. The consensus of opinion is that the Bulgarians are the warmest human beings this side of Paradise. So Bulgarians naturally enhance the flavor of Jaffa considerably; they endow it with immeasurable doses of sympathy and character.

The best time of the day to visit Jaffa is probably at sunset, when the sun, a burning orange-red ball, rolls into the misty emerald sea and is finally devoured by hungry lapping waves. It is a daily natural wonder that should preferably be witnessed from the vantage point of old Jaffa.

As dusk falls, Jaffa reaches a crescendo of activity. The roads become uncommonly congested with traffic and the streets clogged with masses of humanity. The fruit and vegetable vendors make their last frenzied pitches. The nightclubs swing open their doors for another evening of song and dance. The church bells peal. The boutiques overflow with customers.

And Jaffa, eternal Jaffa, closes out yet another colorful chapter in its long and enduring history.

[Sheldon Kirshner lived in Jaffa for a year and recently returned on a visit.]

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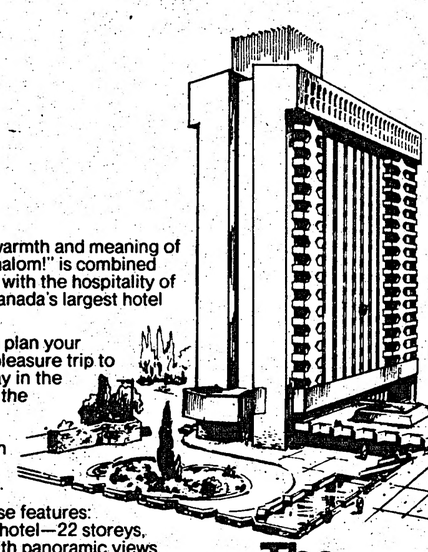

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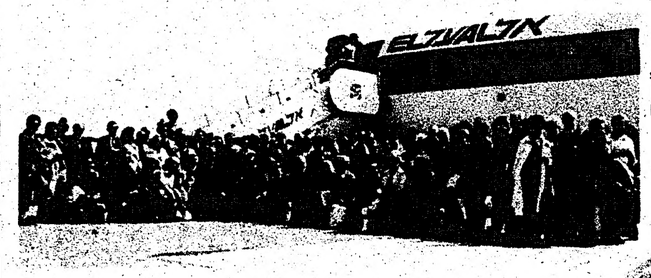

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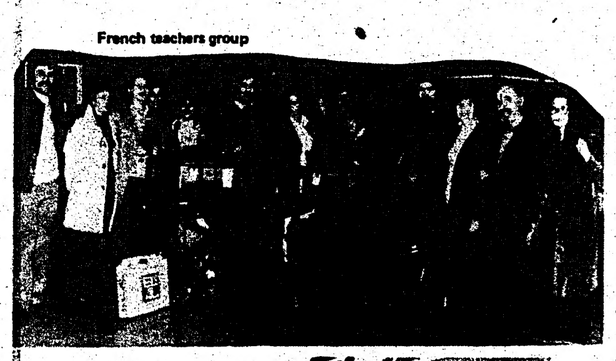

41st National Convention of the Zionist Organization of Canada, the largest Canadian organization convention ever held in Jerusalem.

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El Al Groups Going!

A "group tour" with an organization or a party of associates, family and/or friends, is still one of the most popular ways of visiting Israel.

EL AL Israel Airlines salutes the scores of groups — both Jewish and Christian — which visited Israel over the past year. Though these photographs reflect only a small number of those we had the pleasure of flying there, our warm appreciation is extended to all the organizations and individuals who helped make it a great "group tour" year!

A Christian group visits Israel

UJA President's Mission from Toronto (above). Below: The Bloom family bar-mitzvah group, Toronto.

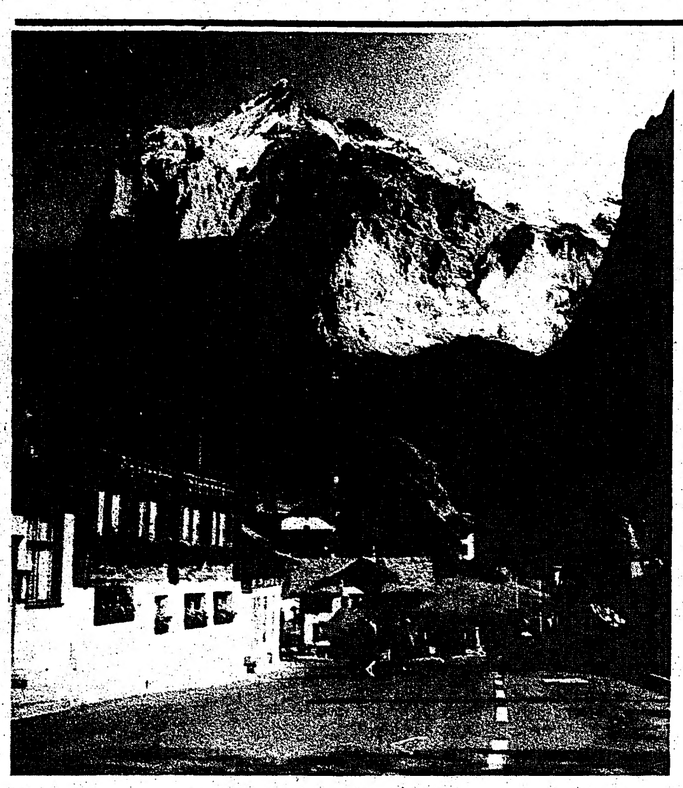
Above: Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute group. Below: The Beth Sholom group, Toronto.

An Adath Israel group led by Rabbi E. Schild.

Beth Torah Group from Toronto.

The Sabra Youth Group, Toronto

Below: A B'nai B'rith group.



The village of Grindelwald, nestled in the Swiss Alps, is a fine summer and winter resort. It has one of the best ski runs in Europe. Its old-world atmosphere attracted Goethe, Franz Liszt, George Sand, Fredric Chopin and Lord Byron.

Secluded Alpine village drew Byron, Lizst, Goethe, Chopin

GRINDELWALD, Switzerland —

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It's speculated that Hannibal might have passed this way on his way to Rome with elephants and that Caesar got here on his way from Gaul.

Grindelwald lies in a silent sequestered valley in the inner Alps where is found some of the most beautiful and spectacular mountain scenery this side of Shangrila.

The Andes can have their Machu Picchu and the Rockies their Lake Louise. But there is magic in the Alps — the Chamois, the elusive Edelweiss, a Swiss chalet. Only here will you find a Gothic castle and a Romanesque camppanile. Byron found both, plus that extra something, and wrote **The Prisoner of Chaillon.**

Winter sports fan will know that at Grindelwald, in 1924, was held the first Alpine combinations — downhill and slalom races. A few days later was founded the Kandahar Ski Club and near by Murren that revolutionized competitive skiing.

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Canoe trails are success

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The current is swift, and it's almost impossible to paddle against it. But, since there are no rapids, paddling is not a chore. All one need do is relax, steer the canoe and enjoy seeing occasional deer, otter or alligator, as well as plenty of water fowl.

These same bits of scenic adventure also await those who venture forth on any of the state canoe trails, which now offer more than 750 watery miles for self-propelled travel.

The trail system was started three years ago, with six portions of Florida rivers designated for canoe travel. Last year, ten more were added; during the coming year, another six will augment the network.

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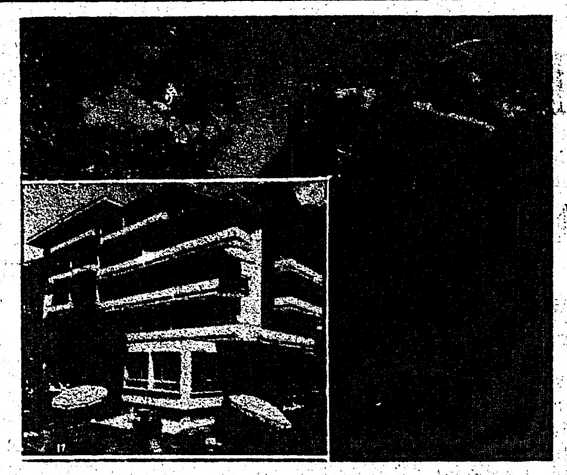

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Christian, Moslem, Jew co-exist in 'flower of Galilee,' Nazareth

NAZARETH —

Nazareth, the town where Jesus grew to manhood, is built in tiers along the inside of an immense natural amphitheatre. Greater Nazareth, with a population of some 40,000, has approximately 15,000 Christian residents, 15,000 Moslem residents and 10,000 Jewish residents in a suburb on the heights above the old town.

The ancient can still be seen in Nazareth. Women still draw water from Mary's Well; moustached patriarchs still wear their flowing robes and many women are clad in long brocade dresses worn over pantaloons. Donkeys, loaded with panniers of fresh vegetables and fruits, eggs and hens, walk nimbly up the steep steps to the market.

At the crossroads, the sign posts in Hebrew, Arabic, French and English point, not to streets or suburbs, but to the various holy sites and sanctuaries built there. A short walk up the hill leads to one of the most sacred shrines in the Christian world, the Church of The Annunciation. The basilica, the largest in the Middle East, is the fifth successive church to be built above the grotto where the Angel Gabriel is said to have brought God's message to Mary.

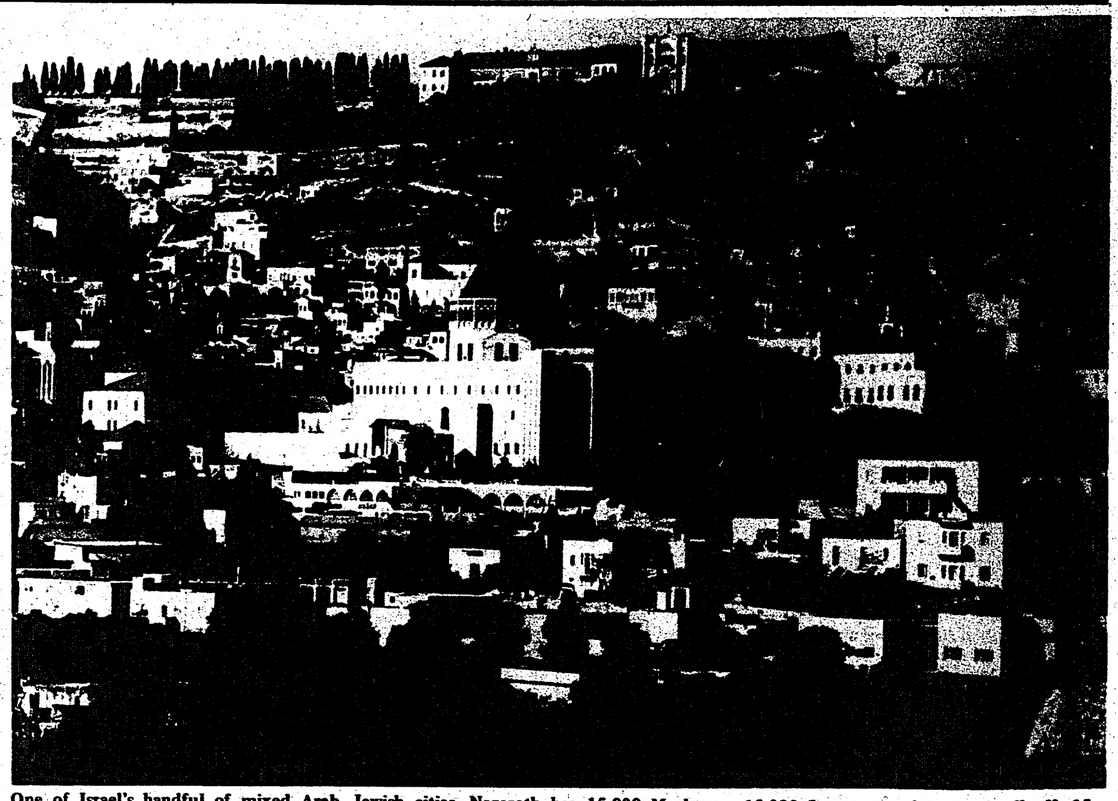
The cave where this is said to have taken place is under the present Basilica, built over an ancient altar bearing the words, "and the word was made flesh." Pilgrims from all over the world come to pray at the altar in the grotto below the church.

High atop a hill overlooking the town stands one of the most beautiful of Nazareth's many churches, The Church of the Infant Jesus. It is a steep climb through winding alleyways but it is worth it for the unfolding vistas of the town and surrounding countryside. Every turn brings a new view of Nazareth and the mountains of Galilee. The church spires, visible in nearly every view, are constant reminders that this is indeed the cradle of Christianity.

Sunday is a working day for the Jews and Moslems of the city, but it is also a day when the church bells peal out across the quiet hills and Christian families stroll along the streets dressed in their Sunday best.

There are two three-star hotels in the town, The Grand New Hotel and The Nazareth. Both have rooms with private baths or showers and are air — conditioned. Also in or nearby the town are a number of places where Christian pilgrims can lodge inexpensively at hospices within easy reach of the holy sites they have come to visit.

In all the region, there are few places more meaningful than Nazareth. It is, as St. Jerome called it, "the flower of Galilee."



One of Israel's handful of mixed Arab–Jewish cities, Nazareth has 15,000 Moslems, 10,000 Jews — and to top it all off, 15,000 Christians. Known as the "flower of the Galilee," Nazareth is filled with beautiful churches and shrines — and mosques.

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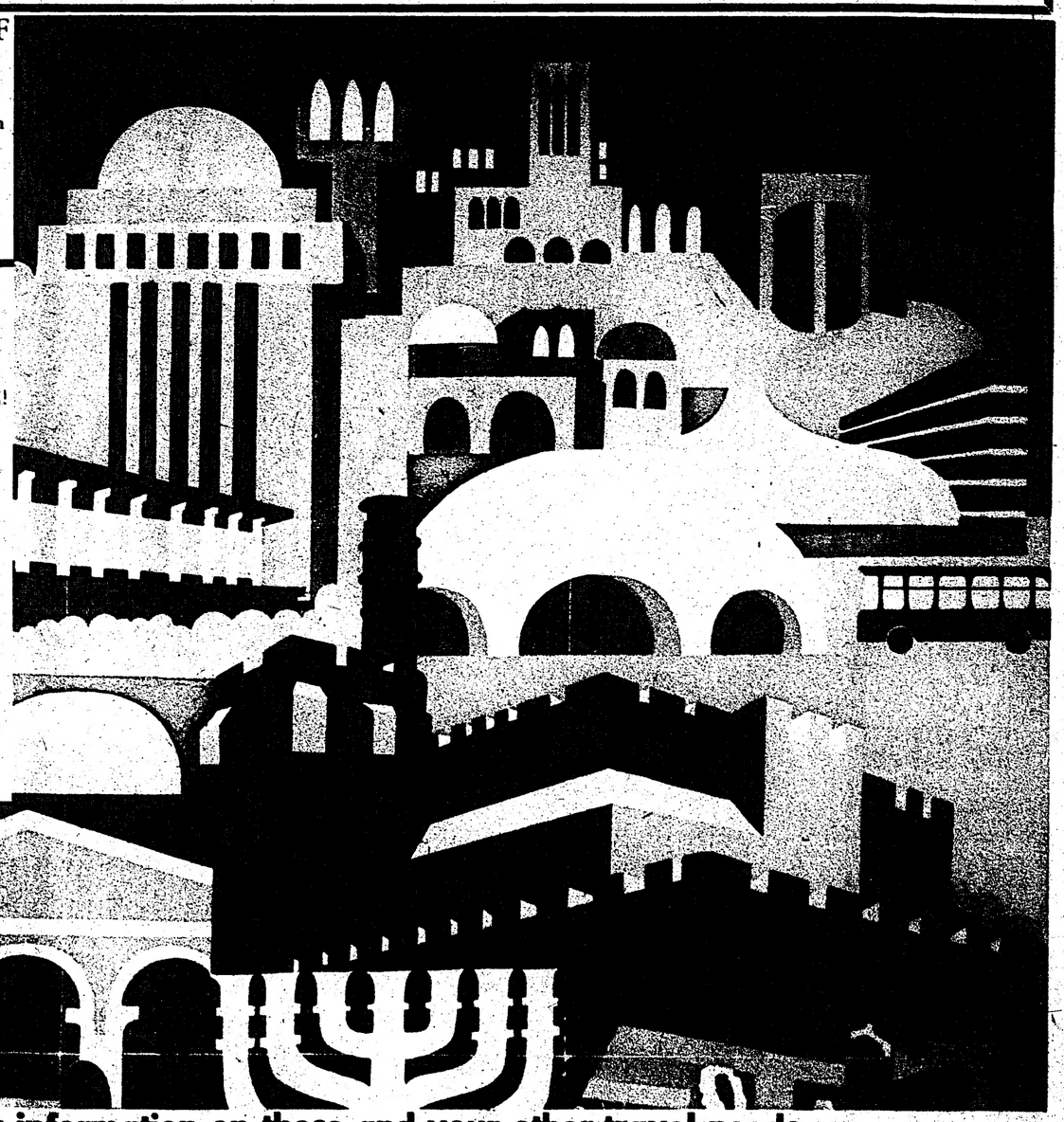

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Rabbi Erwin Schild of Adath Israel Synagogue warns...

Visitors often move in insulated environment, not real Israeli world

By ELIZABETH WOLFE

TORONTO —

It is not the places but the people which make one's stay in Israel meaningful and memorable. A land so old in history and tradition, it is difficult to grasp the new realities imposed by the 27-year-old state. Only meeting Israel's people can effectively weld these realities into one, according to Rabbi Erwin Schild of Adath Israel synagogue.

As anywhere, the danger of travelling in Israel is that too often visitors move in the tourist world, the insulated environment of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem hotels, not the real world of the Israelis, he contends.

The first trip to Israel, for many travellers, involves the startling, emotional discovery that it's really there. Often distracted by the newness of their own experiences, tourists tend to idealize the country, he said in an interview.

It is on subsequent visits that tourists become able to get a mature, less emotional view of the country and to realistically assess the Jewish homeland, he added.

Once a comprehensive tour has been completed and there is less pressure to see as much as possible, the seasoned traveller can take advantage of the many opportunities to meet Israeli people.

Familiarity enables one to get around, to be adventurous, to walk or travel by bus, instead of by taxi. Walking through the open-air market in Tel Aviv, enjoying a steak and pita dinner, or attending a performance at the Opera House, one is exposed to the great spectrum of Israeli people.

Rabbi Erwin Schild

Meeting Israelis, whether in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, or in smaller towns such as Rehovot or Ma'alot, or while relaxing at Tiberias or Eilat, enables the visitor to perceive some of the effects of constant military and international political pressure on everyday life.

Describing his own experiences, Rabbi Schild recalled attending the bar mitzvah, in Jerusalem's Old City, of a boy whose father had been killed in the Six Day War. The stark realization that the sacrifice of the father's life helped make possible his son's bar mitzvah at the Western Wall, is indicative of the emotional, life and death effects of the Middle East situation.

Rabbi Schild, who has visited Israel 11 times, said one begins to realize that any increase in tension may result in the cancellation of a long-awaited vacation, as members of the reserve army are called up.

And you become aware of soaring inflation — not in terms of what your dollar will buy you — but in terms of the rising costs of food, and other necessities. You see abject poverty and "become aware that the government hasn't got the money to provide the social services we almost take for granted here."

For the less gregarious, and for those who find chance contacts insufficient or unsatisfactory, the Ministry of Tourism has initiated a "Meet the Israeli" program. The home hospitality program enables visitors to spend an afternoon or evening with Israeli hosts, drinking in, along with the refreshments, the feel of a real Israeli home.

'It is on repeat visits that tourists are able to get mature, less emotional view'

Ora Frosh, director of the program said: "The best policy is for visitors to see for themselves and to hear all the sides of the issues they wish to raise. Our hosts come from all walks of life and their views vary accordingly, so naturally, the responses visitors will receive to their questions will be as diverse as their hosts."

Mrs. Pearl Freedhoff, immediate past national chairman of tourism of Canadian Hadassah, believes home hospitality is the "most rewarding experience" of a visit to Israel. The hosts, be they judges, fifth-generation Sabras, or Russian immigrants, extend not only hospitality, but warmth, she said.

To visit with Israelis in their modest apartments, "does as much for these people as it does for us," said Mrs. Freedhoff.

The program, she continued, involves "an exchange of cultures. We bring what we have from our country to them. You see how an average Israeli lives, get a better understanding of the problems, and give them a better idea that you care about them, care what's happening, and make them feel you're interested in what they are doing. They have to feel that we care."

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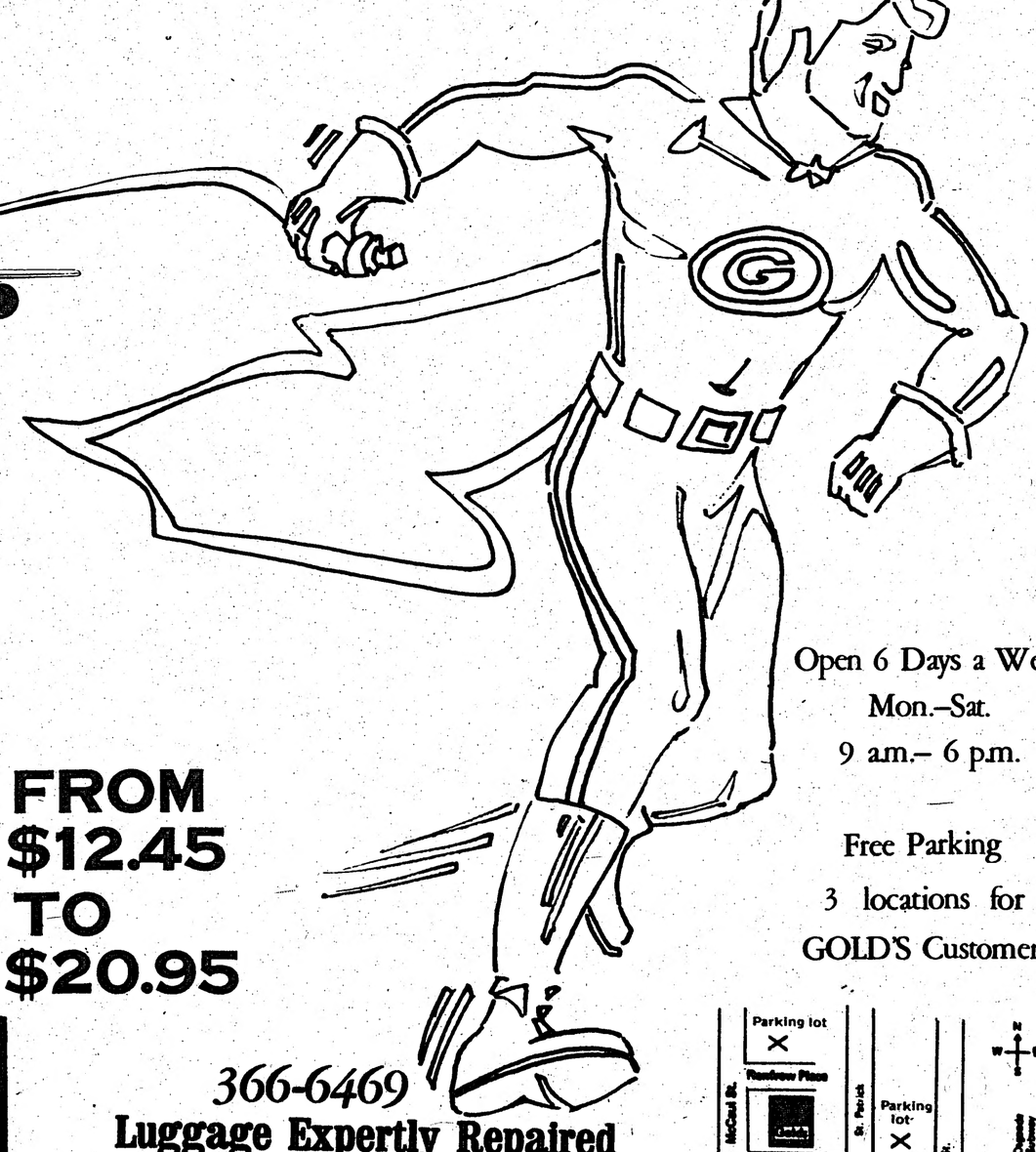

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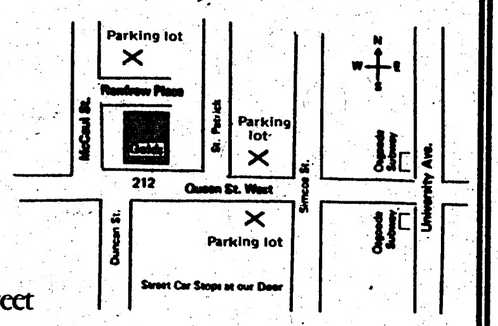

Denmark is rich with charming old inns

Fairytale inns delight those lured by peace and beauty

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But, if you are lured by peace and beauty and want to lose yourself in lovely countryside or small village, in other words, if you have the time and the ability to enjoy life, Denmark's fairytale inns are for you.

Many of them are 3-400 years old and still serve meals in their original old historic settings, many are surrounded by charming gardens and others have added new wings with modern guest rooms offering all modern conveniences. You can actually travel through Denmark today on a week's tour for instance, and stay in a different charming old inn every night.

Even if we toured Denmark for several weeks, you wouldn't be able to visit them all but as a guideline to prospective visitors from Canada here are a few examples of old inns — or "Kro" as an inn is called in Denmark.

Within easy reach from Copenhagen try Marianelund Kro at Gurre, 8 miles west of Hamlet's town of Elsinore. This inn is a favorite with Danes touring North Sealand and it is a good centre for walks in the surrounding woods.

Also easy to reach from Copenhagen, 25 miles south of the capital is Vallo Slotskro, built in 1781 and situated opposite Vallo Castel inhabited by unmarried ladies of noble descent and surrounded by a beautiful park. The inn has very good food and modern rooms.

A little further south, about 50 miles from Copenhagen, you'll find Mogenstrup Kro from 1829 near the town of Naestved and ideal for excursions in South Sealand to the mansions and to Holmegaard Glasswork. The inn serves excellent food and has comfortable rooms.

On the fairytale island of Funen don't miss Falsled Kro. It is a chapter all by itself. All the rooms are different. They smoke their own salmon and offer many other gourmet specialties. It is a comfortable and expensive inn, ideal for excursions to the mansions of Funen and Hans Christian Andersen's native town of Odense.

South of Funen on the island of Langeland is an old inn belonging to the Tranekjaer Castle. The inn is 160 years old and beautifully furnished, situated near the castle and park.

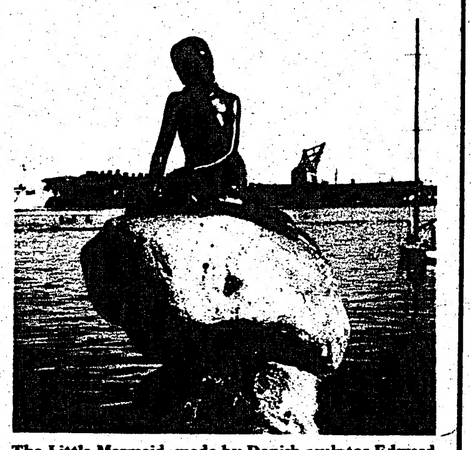
Most of Denmark's old historic inns are situated on the peninsula of Jutland. Let us start from the very south of Jutland and work our way up north. In the little town of Mogeltonder near the German-Danish border on the unique main street is Schakenborg Kro, 300 years old and belonging to the castle. The inn has small but very attractive rooms and excellent food.

On the island of Fano near its famous beach is Sonderho Kro built in 1722, situated in the heart of the 2-300-year-old town of skippers' cottages. The accommodations are very modest but if you can rough it a little for a night or two a visit to this inn is a charming experience.

You can also just have lunch or dinner there and then go on to Hovborg Kro from 1790, 25 miles north-east of Esbjerg where the Nicolajsen family who has owned the inn since 1836 will take good care of you and offer you modern accommodation with direct access to the garden and excellent food.

In the little town of Fiilskov, north of Hovborg and near Legoland, one of Denmark's greatest new attractions (especially for children) is Fiilskov Kro. This old inn is specially popular with fishermen from the rivers in the area and the inn has its own landing facilities for private planes.

Forty miles north of Fiilskov is the famous Kongensbro Kro at Ans, north of Silkeborg in a lovely setting ideal for canoeing and fishing is Gudenaa River. For something completely different, you'll love the Hubertus Inn at Feldballe



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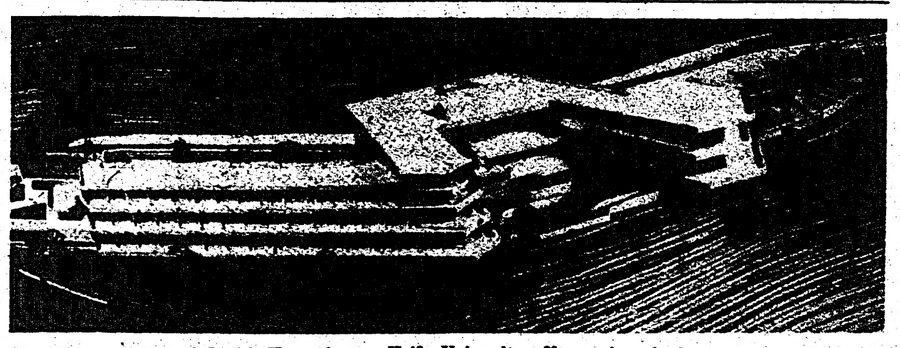

The Carmel Centre of Jewish Humanism at Haifa University offers unique leadership seminar programs.

Haifa University teams with government offering seminars to promote tourism

TORONTO —

Haifa University and the Israeli government have teamed up to promote tourism to the Jewish state.

Moshe Kones, executive-director of the Canadian Friends of Haifa University, told **The Canadian Jewish News** that the Ministry of Tourism and The Carmel Centre of Jewish Humanism at the university are offering potential visitors a unique glimpse at Israel.

The program they are offering revolves around leadership seminars lasting some three weeks. Tourists will spend ⅓ of their time at the Haifa campus, and be guided around the country by various professors and officials of the university for the remainder of their holiday, said Kones.

He is now in the midst of organizing plans for the seminar, and the expectation is that the first tour will leave in the vicinity of May, 1976. Kones says he wants to organize two groups of about 40 persons each. Cost of the trip can be obtained by calling Kones at 869-3865, in Toronto.

Although the seminar concept is new to Canada, a similar program was launched in the United States last year, led by Dr. Leon Jick of the Institute of Jewish Living and Bert Rabinowitz of Boston. This pilot project involved 20 couples, according to information supplied by Kones.

The seminar itself will be divided into four parts: "The Roots," "Holocaust and Heroism," "Pioneering and Social Experimentation" and "Spiritual Heritage."

The first will cover Bible, Talmud, Kaballah, the patriarchs, prophets and kings. The second will examine such items as the ghetto and partisans. The third will look at the kibbutz, moshav and problems of aliyah. The final section of the course will be concerned with Jewish holidays, Israeli writers and artists and Israeli morality of war and peace.

The philosophy of the seminar will stress a high academic standard, well-prepared written materials and active participation in Israeli cultural events.

The Carmel Centre for Jewish Humanism, site of the seminar, is based on the Aspen Institute in the United States. Two years old, the centre embraces the idea that in these times of quest for human solutions to outstanding problems, it is of utmost importance to create opportunities for encounters between people of thought and people of action.

According to Kones, the centre will become the spiritual workshop where Jewish philosophy, morality and value systems will be discussed, learned and disseminated.

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This Venice is small, water-rimmed community on Florida's gulf coast

VENICE, Florida —
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This small, water-rimmed community on Florida's lower Gulf Coast offers its visitors all the simple pleasures of vacationing, including the well-worn promises of peace, quiet and solitude.

Venice, as its Italian name implies, is nearly synonymous with water. Canals and waterways cut intricate paths through the heart of town. Beaches are everywhere.

The Nokomis public beach, with pavilion and dressing rooms, has been judged one of the finest in the country.

To the south is North Jetty, where both swimmers and fishermen can enjoy the sandy-bottomed gulf.

The Venice City beach is known primarily for its expansive view of the shoreline and its winged-roof pavilion. Visitors staying in town can forget their car since the city beach is within walking and biking distance.

Farther along the coast is Brohard beach. Its municipal pier extends ¼-mile into the gulf and affords a panorama of more than a mile of broad beaches.

A nearly indistinguishable line separates Brohard from Casperson beach. Together, they form two more miles of uninterrupted sand and sea. Here, the sand is often black and the surf offers up such treasures as fossilized sharks' teeth, along with the famous west coast variety of shells.

The last beach in the chain is Manasota Key beach. The county playground is equipped with bathhouse, picnic facilities and shelters.

Like many other Florida coastal towns, Venice and its beaches were once explored by Spanish conquistadores and pirates.

It wasn't until the 1860s, however, that white settlers arrived in the area. But throughout this early settlement, Venice remained an unnamed community.

Venice was christened by Frank Higel, a European immigrant who had spent a good deal of his early life in Italy. Higel was struck by the similarity between the area's climate and waterways and those of the Italian city.

Higel became disenchanted, however, with his bit of Italy in the New World when snow fell on Jan. 10, 1886. The temperature dropped officially to 23 degrees, killing most of the plant life in north and central Florida. Higel packed his bags and went north where it was warm.

Following the weather catastrophe, development was slow in Venice until Potter Palmer began wielding her influence from Sarasota to the north. The wealthy Chicago socialite worked relentlessly to extend rail service into Venice. She lived just long enough to see the railroad steam into the community in 1911.

With rail travel a reality, Venice soon joined Sarasota in playing host to northerners escaping their rigorous winters, and still does today. The first resort was constructed at Eagle Point in 1912 and is still operating at the junction of the Venice By-Pass and Business 41.

The small and compact arrangement of the venice area has left much of its wildlife intact. From rabbits to bobcats and mockingbirds to Bonaparte gulls, the wildlife has found man to be a tolerable creature.

Whatever a visitor seeks in an outdoor challenge, the Venice area is prepared to meet. Fishing is both a way of life and a pastime. Golf courses abound for year-round play. Venice Raceway offers some of the best harness racing during the winter season. And Oscar Scherer State Park provides facilities suitable both for the rustic camper and the recreational vehicle owner.

Since the Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus winters in Venice, area visitors and residents are treated each February to premiere performances of new circus shows before they go on the road.

Venice is close to other communities offering entertainment and attractions. Sarasota, 30 miles north, is home of the John and Mabel Ringling Museums; Bellm's Cars and Music of Yesterday; Sarasota Jungle Gardens and The Circus Hall of Fame. To the south, Fort Myers boasts Thomas Edison's Estate.

So whether it's a lot of little things or a little of a lot of things, Venice, Florida, is the place to be.

This winged-roof pavilion dominates the Venice, Florida, beach, just one of many sandy playgrounds edging this lower Gulf Coast community. Founded some 110 years ago, Venice was once a haunt of pirates and Spanish explorers in search of gold. (Holland)

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Scholars study historical roots of Jerusalem's Temple Mount to uncover its original holy site

By Josef Goldschmidt
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There can hardly be a paragraph that sums up as concisely, the central position of Jerusalem and its heart, the Temple Mount, in Jewish tradition. That tradition goes back to the creation of man, includes the age of the fathers, and enters recorded history with the time of King David and Solomon, whose activities are told in the historical books of the Bible.

For nearly 2,000 years, Jews in Israel and the world over prayed, studied, dreamt and hoped for the return of this most Holy site to the Jewish people, and one day the question of renewal of the Temple Service would become real. Now, in the Six Day War, the incredible has happened, the Temple Mount is part of Jewish Jerusalem.

True, today two mosques stand up there, one, the Dome of the Rock, the other, the Al Aksa Mosque. Yet, more than ever before believers and scholars have returned to the study of the conditions that prevailed when the Temple alone was there — about 1,500 years before Islam came into the world.

The problems and questions are many indeed. Talmudic tradition gives the site dimensions of 500 cubits X 500 cubits. But what is a cubit? Is it 42.7cm., 48cm., or 57.6cm or 60cm.? The present area, enclosed by a wall of which the Western Wall (Hakotel Ha ma'aravi) is a part, is much larger from north to south than 500 cubits, however you reckon them. Thus, the next question arises, which part of today's area is the original one, that in the south, that in the north, or somewhere in the middle?

A most crucial point is the true nature of "The Rock" (Zakhra) over which the Golden Dome of the Omar Mosque has been erected as a shrine. This rock is roughly 17 meters long and 6 meters wide, and it rises 2.5 meters above ground. There is one and only one legend in the Koran which connects this rock with Mohammed by a visionary visit of his to Jerusalem. It is this legend that is the sole basis for making Jerusalem the third in rank of holy cities in Islam.

Now, Jewish tradition states (Mishna Yoma 5,2) that in the Second Temple, when the Holy Ark had disappeared, a rock about three fingers high served the high priest in the holiest of holies on Yom Kippur instead of the Holy Ark.

Is that low rock of the Jewish tradition identical with the huge rock under the Mosque of Omar, only exposed much further than it was in the Second Temple — or have the two nothing to do with one another, and the out-cropping, natural rock that was visible in the Second Temple, was somewhere else on the Mount? The choice between these two alternatives will obviously determine where our Temple stood.

The law of Halacha severely restricts Jews from walking on the Temple Mount, but of course on its historical, hallowed part only. But as long as we have no answer to the questions dealt with before, no prayers can be held on the Temple Mount, much as the heart of the faithful goes out just for this, and religiously observant soldiers who are detailed for guard duty up there take an immersion in a ritual bath before entering the site.

There are reports that all the great men of the past who visited Jerusalem, Maimonides and later Nachmanides in the 12th century, Rabbi David Ben Aimrah, chief rabbi of Egypt, in the 16 century, and many others, approached the Temple site as far as they might, but surely never trod on its sacred ground. For the time being study and inquiry is our share. The finds and discoveries of excavations fire the imagination, and raise great expectations, but the truth is still unknown.

This is an aerial view of Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Much excavation is taking place there. (Israel gov't)

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By LARRY FROMMER

WASHINGTON —

Despite the sharp decline in travel to Israel, El Al, the country's national airline, shows barely a smidgeon of red ink. A combination of factors, including the carrier's virtual monopoly on group flights, a surprisingly steady flow of tourists from Europe to Israel and the exclusive patronage by Jewish congresses and missions convening in Israel, have kept the airline alive and tolerably well.

On the other hand, Israel's hotels are hungry, inadvertent victims of their own proliferation. When the country embarked upon a hotel building binge in the early 1970's it was enjoying an unprecedented tourist boom. Unenvisioned, of course, was the Yom Kippur War and its disastrous repercussions of inflated costs and terrorist raids which have inhibited tourism for two years. Today there are simply too many hotels for the available traffic.

This relative state of economics between El Al and Israel's hotels is at the root of the controversy as to whether or not Israel should resume charter flights from North America and Europe after an absence of 12 years. El Al, skittish that opening the doors to charters will divert existing group and excursion business and fail to create significant new traffic, says "no". As expected, Israel's beleagured hotels argue affirmatively.

Fewer tourists are coming to Israel and the question uppermost in the minds of travel agents and Israeli government officials alike is whether air charters should be instituted. The controversy divides all.

The government, solicitous of protecting the prestige and profitability of its national carrier against the threat of low cost charters on competing carriers, yet painfully aware of the critical need to bolster Israel's sagging tourist product, is on the horns of a dilemma. Even prominent national officials like Moshe Kol, minister of tourism, favoring charters, and Transport Minister Gad Yaacobi, opposing them, have plunged into the act. Pressures are so strong on both sides that the matter has been laid squarely in the lap of Prime Minister Rabin, who has appointed a Knesset committee to field the hot potato and come up with specific recommendations by Nov. 1.

But the charter conflict is more than just a profitability question between El Al and Israel's hotels. The subtle and sensitive matter of "landing rights" is another major consideration. In essence landing rights constitutes the privilege of a national carrier landing in cities other than its home destination and is determined by a complicated process of bilateral agreements between nations. Thus, for instance, the fact that El Al can carry passengers to London, Paris and Rome is because its government has granted similar privileges to the airlines of England (British Airways); France (Air France); and Italy (Alitalia) to land in Tel Aviv.

El Al fears that if charter flights into Israel are resumed the passenger volume of the various national carriers which enjoy Tel Aviv landing rights for their scheduled flights will be drastically reduced. Subsequently they could lose interest in Israel as a route destination and in turn their governments might be disinclined to renew El Al's landing rights.

Most to lose from the resumption of charter flights to Israel however are the large U.S. and Canadian-based Israel wholesalers. Whereas most wholesale travel firms market a variety of destinations, the Israel oriented companies have concentrated almost exclusively on Israel packages. For the past 12 years they have promoted and marketed the non affinity "group" concept through retail travel agents with considerable success. If charters are resumed, the group concept is likely to be undercut and Israel wholesalers will be an endangered species.

Even if charters to Israel are given the green light it is unlikely that they will be of the "affinity" type which is an anathema to most elements concerned with Israel tourism. Affinity charters are flights organized ostensibly for bona fide members of large organizations which traditionally have lent themselves to shenanigans, subterfuge and blatant violations of affinity charter regulations. As one Jerusalem tour operator points out, "Not only are they unenforceable but they are discriminatory. Why should members of a large organization be permitted to fly cheaply to Israel when others cannot?" Retail travel agents, who through the years have produced the bulk of Israel's customers are also bitterly opposed to affinity charters. As one highly respected Canadian agent asserts: "If affinity charters to Israel are ever sanctioned we might as well kiss the country goodbye as a destination to sell. It will open the doors to all kinds of phony organizations and fly by night charter operators."

Perhaps the one type of charter formula with which all parties to this sensitive issue can live is the recently CAB approved OTC (One Stop Tour Charter). OTC's are available to the general public. They require only a minimum of 40 passengers with minimal prepaid land arrangements as a prerequisite. Because OTC's can be organized by wholesalers, airlines and operators and marketed through travel agents, it would keep all of the elements of the travel industry in the Israel picture and might even be acceptable to El Al. Best of all the public would be able to travel to Israel for about $200 less than it can now.

Despite the divergent attitudes regarding charters everyone involved in Israel tourism shares a special sense of urgency about quick remedial action. Tourist traffic from North America for the first eight months of this year dropped 30%. Alternate inducements to lure additional tourist traffic, such as devaluation of the Israeli pound and the holding of the line on hotel prices has not had a significant impact.

The enigma of Israel's tourist decline is that there is no accurate barometer to assess whether the culprit is rising air fares, Middle East instability and violence or a combination of both. If indeed the real villain in the piece is the area's political powder keg then even charters may be unable to bring the tourists back to Israel.

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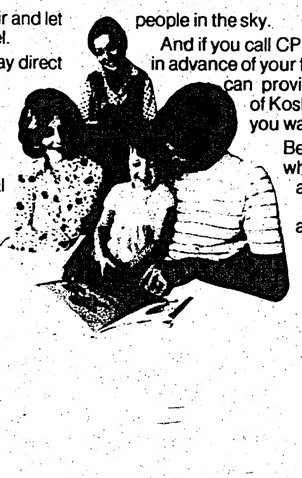

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Travelers find it refreshing change

Picturesque towns ring Mexico's 'city of flowers'

Guadalajara, Mexico —

Travelers to Mexico are finding a refreshing change in a visit to Guadalajara, "city of flowers," which is a short connecting flight from well-trod tourist paths.

Guadalajara, situated on a mile high grassy plain in western Mexico, is only a short distance from other interesting centres such as Tequila, Lake Chapala and Puerto Vallarta.

Visitors to Guadalajara can enjoy sightseeing, shopping or exploring in some of the outlying areas. In Guadalajara, a delightful combination of Spanish and modern architecture blend together; sweeping fountains, lush parks and broad avenues grace modern skyscrapers, hotels and factories. For the bargain hunter, mercado libertad (liberty market) offers some of the best buys in silver, cotton, pottery and hand-blown glass of the region.

For the visitor who likes to explore, Spanish cathedrals and colonial buildings of the 14th and 17th centuries border Guadalajara's plazas; just 15 minutes by car, the village of Tlaquepaque provides visitors with some excellent scenery and inexpensive buys.

Northwest of Guadalajara is Tequila, the town notorious for the Mexican liquor of the same name. Visitors can drive through plantations of Maguey plants from which the liquor is distilled. Tours to tequila distilleries are available and everywhere visitors are served superb Margeritas.

Several picturesque villages nestle around Lake Chapala, an easy 35-minute drive from Guadalajara. The lake, which is nearly 50 miles long and 30 miles wide, provides a lush retirement setting for Canadians and Americans.

Competing with gaily decorated chapels and brilliant flowers growing in abundance, modern hotels complete with swimming pools, spacious rooms and tropical gardens are opening everywhere in Chapala. Prices are reasonable and the food is excellent.

In contrast to the modern industrialization of Guadalajara with its abundance of factories and skyscrapers, a little farther away the peace of a small fishing village hangs over quaint Puerto Vallarta.

Puerto Vallarta once relied on coconuts, bananas and fishing for industry but it has experienced a recent rapid tourist boom since **Night of the Iguana** was filmed there a few years ago.

Puerto Vallarta has become the vacation land of the jet set. Private jets and limousines stream in and out to enjoy the quaint luxuries and the year round temperature of 80 degrees. It has three deluxe hotels and 20 smaller ones.

Visitors to Puerto Vallarta rarely miss taking the $4 day-long boat excursion to the tiny isolated village of Yelpa, accessible only by sea. Here they can enjoy freshly caught seafood roasted over an open fire, take a short hike to a beautiful waterfall or just laze in hot Mexican sun on the deserted beach.

Spanish villages, tropical forest lie within 30 miles of San Juan

SAN JUAN —

Out of San Juan is a world of tiny Spanish villages tucked in the folds of rainforests and scattered along the sea. Here, the people of Puerto Rico ride horseback to work in fields of sugarcane and pineapple, and cast nets for feather-fish, red snapper and sardines. Bacalaitos fritos and pasteles may be purchased at roadside restaurants, and stands everywhere sell fresh chilled coconut milk.

To sample this other European world, out of the island's elegant capital city, rent a car or take a local airline for some far-flung adventures nearby.

A 30-mile drive east of San Juan are two of the Caribbean's fabled beauty spots — the rainforest, El Yunque, and Luquillo Beach. Spend a day exploring the only tropical forest in the U.S. national forest system, where vines and giant tree ferns spread their thickly tangled shade up and down the mountainsides, and stands of bamboo creak and snap in the sultry wind. There's a waterfall here that's pure enough to catch and drink in cupped hands, and an observation tower from which the Virgin Islands are visible on a clear day.

At Luquillo Beach, a short drive away, is a long row of colorfully-painted kiosks where the island's native foods may be purchased. Try platano maduro relleno (plantain filled with ground meat then deep-fried), and pasteles (banana leaves stuffed with a mixture of ground meat, plantain, banana and vegetables). There are complete bathing facilities at Luquillo, which is surrounded by a vast jungle of coconut groves, and lies like a crescent moon along the sea.

Puerto Rico's two major out islands, Vieques and Culebra, are only a short distance off the island's eastern shore. North Cay Airlines, one of several local companies servicing the islands, has convenient flights from Isla Grande Airport in San Juan. The planes are nine-passenger islanders, and they fly low over the mountains and beaches of Puerto Rico which spread green and glittering white in the morning sun.

A day on Vieques could be spent swimming at Sun Bay, where the beach is deserted most of the time, and taking refreshment on the shady verandah of Sportsman's House, a small hotel which was once a sugar plantation. On Vieques, the cows and horses and sheep wander freely, and the residents all know each other's animals by sight.

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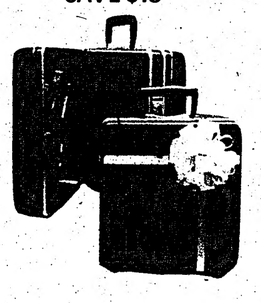
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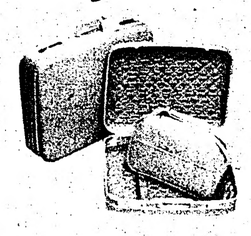
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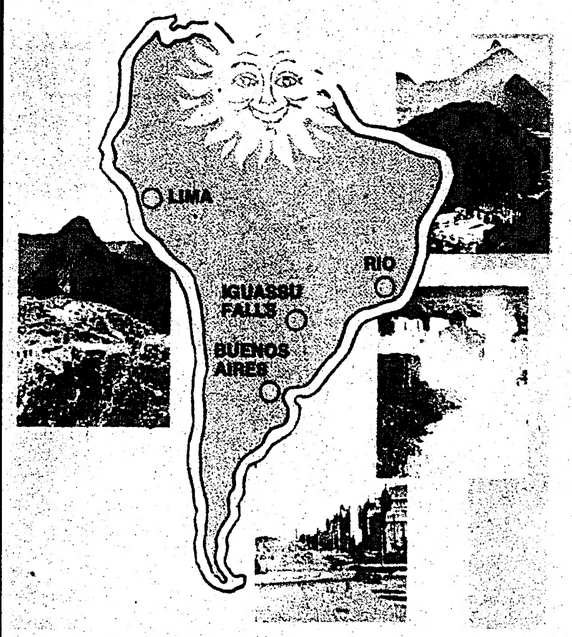

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EILAT —

Many theories have been expounded as to the exact location of ancient Ezyon Gever "which is near Eloth on the shore of the Red Sea..." (I Kings 9, 26). However, the location of Eilat (modern spelling for biblical Eloth), is well known.

At the northern tip of the Gulf of Eilat, which flows into the Red Sea, and enclosed by two magnificent mountain ranges, Eilat is Israel's southernmost city and port. It was King Solomon who made the area famous by building a fleet of ships at ancient Ezion-Geber. The basic beauties of the area that the wise king enjoyed remain the same; they have only been improved upon by time — and with the energies of a youthful people who have built a resort city to please the tourist having even the most fastidious taste.

Eilat is Israel's outlet to the Indian Ocean, the Pacific and the Far East. It is also a tourist's outlet for getting away from winter, for frolicking good times on clean sandy beaches and palm trees and warm sunshine that bring on devil-may-care attitudes; for un or dressing as the spirit moves you. Eilat is the ultimate in getting away from it all: from winter colds and snows, from winter sleet and slush; from the asphalt jungles of big cities and from tensions and pressures of the workaday world. Eilat is summer and lightness — all year round.

Getting to Eilat can be an unforgettable experience if you travel by bus or car. It's about a six-hour ride from Tel-Aviv or Jerusalem, through an assemblage of scenes that will command the approbation of all your senses. But if you're in a hurry, Arkia, Israel's inland airline has frequent, scheduled flights from Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa. A good idea is to combine both means of transportation: drive one way, fly the other.

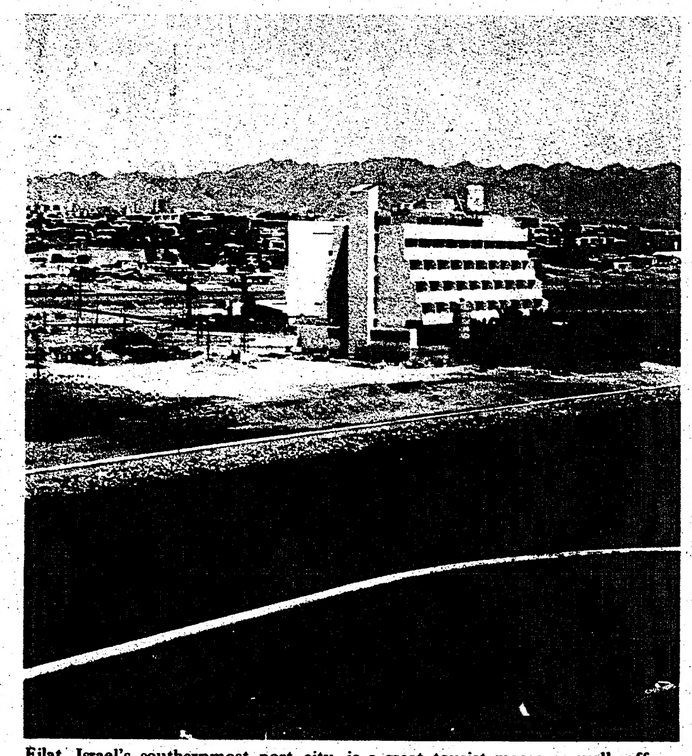
Eilat has a total of about 20,000 sun-tanned, healthy looking people whose adult majority is mainly occupied, directly or indirectly, with the tourist industry of this young, thriving resort city. Eilatis display the epitome of hospitality; probably the beauty of their surroundings and the ideal climate have influenced their easy-going, polite nature, and their always-at-your-service attitude.

According to statistics, it rains just once a month in Eilat from November until March. The average for March is two days of rain, one in April, and between May and October, no rain at all.

Most of Eilat's hotels plus the two holiday villages are listed by Israel's ministry of tourism. Hotels are graded from 4-star (****) to 1-star (*), according to the facilities offered. During the high season — October to June — prices range from about $20 to $8 per person, per day, double occupancy, depending on the grade. Breakfast is included in the price of the room and if you haven't had an Israeli breakfast, you've a treat in store.

On the eastern side of the Bay of Eilat are the Mountains of Edom; on the western side, the Sinai Mountains. Majestic peaks seem to touch the sky. Biblical significance etched in every line, their beauty and proud bearing have witnessed the marvellous events of ancient days.

During the day one can water ski, play tennis, go boating, swimming, snorkelling or scuba-diving, see the area on regular organized tours, shop or just sunbathe. The waters of the Gulf of Eilat are always clear, clean and the right temperature. At night, Eilat's balmy weather is perfect for outdoor dining and dancing, strolling, swimming, or nightclubbing in one of the many spots presenting entertainment and dancing.



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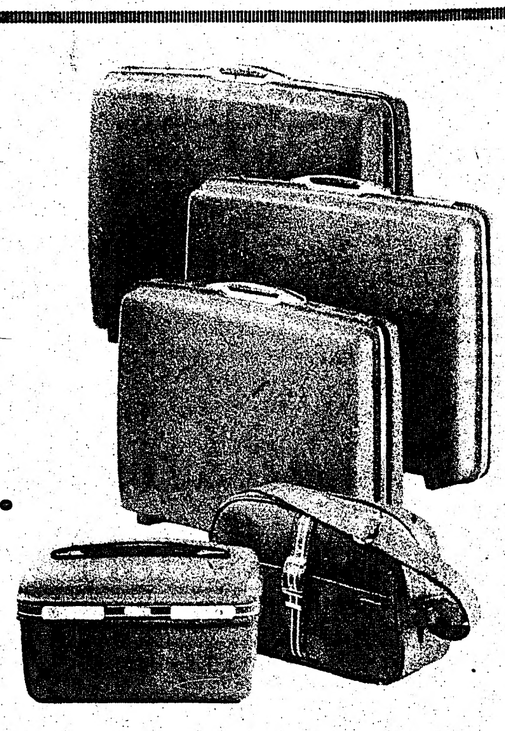

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Florida festivals are highlighted by arts, crafts

By WILLIAM ADLER

TALLAHASSEE — November festivals paint a picture of colorful arts and crafts celebrations in Florida.

The month opens with the Beaux Arts Promenade, Nov. 1-3, at the Pompano Harness Track near Fort Lauderdale. An extensive art show highlights three days of visits by noted personalities and entertainers. The Beaux Arts also features game booths, a flea market, fireworks display and antique show, all to benefit the Fort Lauderdale Museum of Art.

The Fourth Annual Ringling Crafts Festivals, Nov. 21-23, on the landscaped grounds of the Ringling Museums in Sarasota, offers an opportunity for spectators to view artists at work. This year, craftsmen competing for more than $1,500 in prizes will demonstrate their artistic skills as well as exhibit their works.

A European Renaissance atmosphere weaves an old world spell around original arts and crafts during the Renaissance Celebration, Nov. 8-9, in Florida's capital city, Tallahassee. Musicians, actors, artists, artisans and even spectators dress in period costumes for this special event in a picturesque wooded park.

The rolling hills and many lakes of central Florida provide a colorful backdrop for the Art League Fine Arts Show, Nov. 2, in Mount Dora, some 30 miles northwest of Orlando. Sebring, in the southern reaches of central Florida, near Lake Okeechobee, stages its Art Festival, Nov. 8-9.

And the Halifax Area Art Festival, Nov. 7-9, in Ormond Beach offers a beachside setting for displays of art along the state's upper-Atlantic coastline.

Cocoa Beach, south of the Ormond Beach area, presents its annual Space Coast Art Festival, Nov. 29-Dec. 1. More than 400 artists traditionally display oil paintings, watercolors, graphics, photographs, sculpture, ceramics and other crafts.

Other special events in November emphasize the state's varied nature.

Apalachicola, a picturesque northwest Florida fishing village full of historic classic revival and Victorian homes, hosts a giant party for the public. The Florida Seafood Festival, Nov. 1, includes a seafood luncheon, street dancing to live bands, blessing of the shrimp fleet, a moto-cross, concerts, flea market and tours of some of the historic homes.

The Key West Offshore Powerboat Race takes place, Nov. 9, near the Old Mallory Square Dock. This 12-year-old event provides points toward the Southern Ocean Racing Conference championship.

Everything looks up at the Kissimmee Air Fair, Nov. 8-9, when thrills include topsy-turvy flying, wing-walking, parachute jumps and a U.S. Navy Blue Angels air demonstration.

Afficionados of automobile antiquity join lovers of good old-fashioned fun for a fascinating holiday, Nov. 28-30, at the Birthplace of Speed, Ormond Beach, on the state's upper-Atlantic coast. The annual Antique Auto Celebration keeps things moving with classic car sprints on the beach, two parades, dancing to dixieland bands, a barbecue, square dancing and a flea market highlighted by the sale of antique auto parts.

The Sunshine State in November also offers visitors an insight into its heritage of county fairs, where continuous entertainment sets the pace for activities that include shows of Florida's agricultural products and commercial exhibitions.

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